

5310 - HEALTH SERVICES

Health services conducted as a part of the total school health program are carried out to appraise, protect, and promote the health of students. School health services supplement, rather than replace, parental responsibility and are designed to encourage parents to devote attention to child health, to discover health problems, and to encourage use of the services of their physicians, dentists, and community health agencies.

Schools are responsible to provide required health services during the school day to enable students to access a free and appropriate public education. School health activities include student health screenings; administration of treatments and procedures, administration of medication as prescribed by a physician/healthcare provider; and education of school staff, students, and families. Professional nursing staff provide training to unlicensed assistive personnel and school level personnel in administration of medications and procedures required to support students.

All students attending the District shall participate in noninvasive screening as defined by the school health services plan (developed jointly with the county department of health) such as vision, hearing, etc., or for communicable disease and infestation without the need for written parental permission. The principal or designee will notify the parent when treatment is necessary. A written consent shall be requested from the parent/guardian for students to participate in any invasive screening procedures (e.g., tuberculosis skin testing, blood testing, etc.).

The District may request parents to provide:

- A. general physical examinations for participation in athletics;
- B. dental examinations;
- C. tests for communicable disease;
- D. vision and/or audiometric screening results;
- E. height and weight screening (BMI) results;
- F. postural screening results;
- G. pediculosis screening results.

The term "invasive physical examination" means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision, pediculosis, or postural (scoliosis) screening.

Unless the physical examination or screening is permitted or required by an applicable State law, parents may refuse to allow the Board to administer a nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening upon written notification to the Board within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Board's annual public notice.

As further described below, schools may exclude students with certain medical or physical conditions exhibiting certain symptoms from attending school or school-related activities or being on School Board property until a certain time period, level of remediation, and/or authorizations have occurred. Schools and the School Health Services Department will work with parents to expedite students' return to schools and will provide an opportunity for students to continue his/her education through online courses, hard copy homework, and/or other means, as deemed appropriate by the Administration.

Name of Condition & Exclusion Time Period

- 1 • AIDS – Exclusion is prohibited by law. See PCSB policy #8453.
- 2 • Biting Insects or Pests – Any live biting insect or pest found on a student will require exclusion from
- 3 school until the biting insect or pest is removed.
- 4 • Chicken Pox – Exclude until six (6) days after onset of rash, or if all lesions have crusted over.
- 5 • Common Cold - Exclude if temperature is 101°F or greater, has a persistent cough or sneeze, or is too
- 6 uncomfortable to attend.
- 7 • Conjunctivitis – Exclude if drainage is green/yellow.
- 8 • Diarrhea – Exclude if present with other symptoms of illness and/or until no blood or mucus in stool.
- 9 • Fever – Exclude for temperature greater than 101°F, and for any fever accompanied by behavioral
- 10 changes or other symptoms of illness. Student must be free of fever WITHOUT the use of fever-
- 11 reducing medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
- 12 • Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease – Exclude if temperature is 101°F or greater, if persistent drooling, or if
- 13 too uncomfortable to attend.
- 14 • Hepatitis A, B, or C – Exclude until parent provides written authorization to return to school signed by
- 15 health care provider.
- 16 • Herpes Simplex Type I – Do not exclude, but lesions that are not crusted should be covered, if possible.
- 17 • HIV – Exclusion is prohibited by law. See PCSB policy #8453.
- 18 • Impetigo – Exclude until 24 hours after treatment begins. Any sores must be covered during school
- 19 hours.
- 20 • Influenza – May exclude until five (5) days after start of symptoms or when active sign of illness are
- 21 gone.
- 22 • Lice – Exclusion from school until all live lice and nits (eggs) have been removed. Parent must
- 23 accompany student for re-entry head check.
- 24 • Measles – Exclude until at least four (4) days after onset of rash, and with a written recommendation
- 25 from health care provider.
- 26 • Meningitis (Bacteria) – Exclude until parent provides written authorization to return to school signed by
- 27 health care provider.
- 28 • Meningitis (Virus) – Exclude until parent provides written authorization to return to school signed by
- 29 health care provider.
- 30 • MRSA – Do not exclude unless fever, pain, or behavior changes are present. Wounds must be
- 31 covered with no visible drainage.
- 32 • Mononucleosis – Exclude until parent provides written authorization to return to school signed by health
- 33 care provider.
- 34 • Mumps – Exclude until five (5) days after onset of swelling.
- 35 • Pertussis – Exclude until five (5) days after treatment started and with written authorization to return to
- 36 school signed by health care provider.
- 37 • Pinworms – No exclusion; however, student must be seen by a health care provider for proper
- 38 treatment.
- 39 • Rash – All unidentified rashes should be sent to the clinic, and the student should be excluded until
- 40 seen by a health care provider.
- 41 • Ringworm (scalp) – Exclude until parent provides written authorization to return to school signed by
- 42 health care provider.
- 43 • Ringworm (body) – No exclusion as long as lesion can be covered.
- 44 • Rubella – Exclude until six (6) days after onset of rash along with a written authorization to return to
- 45 school signed by health care provider.
- 46 • Scabies – Exclude until 24 hours after treatment started along with a written authorization to return to
- 47 school signed by health care provider.
- 48 • Shingles – No exclusion as long as rash is covered with no visible drainage.
- 49 • Streptococcal Infections Group A – Exclude until 24 hours after treatment started along with a written
- 50 authorization to return to school signed by health care provider.
- 51 • Tuberculosis – Exclude until parent provides a written authorization to return to school signed by health
- 52 care provider and approval from the Pinellas County Department of Health.

- Vomiting – Exclude if two or more episodes of vomiting in a 24 hour period or until a health care provider determines the student is not contagious. Also exclude for vomiting with the presence of other symptoms of illness.

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Approved as to form and legality:



School Board Attorney