



SECTION: 521

TITLE: HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/SCREENINGS

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	I. AUTHORITY	In compliance with the School Code, the Board shall require that District	1
2	SC 1402, 1403	students submit to health and dental examinations in order to ensure that the	2
3		learning potential of each student is not lessened by remediable physical	3
4		disability.	4
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6	II. GUIDELINES	Upon original school entry, in sixth grade, and in ninth grade, each	6
7	SC 1402, 1407	student shall receive a health examination conducted by the school physician.	7
8	Title 22, Sec. 7.13		8
9		Upon original school entry, in third grade, and in seventh grade, each student	9
10	SC 1403, 1407	shall receive a dental examination conducted by the school dentist.	10
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12	SC 1407	A private health and/or dental examination conducted at the parents' request	12
13		and expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination.	13
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15		The District will accept reports of privately conducted physical and dental	15
16		examinations completed within one (1) year prior to a student's entry into	16
17		the grade where an exam is required.	17
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19	SC 1402	Each student shall receive, from the school nurse or medical technician, vision	19
20		tests, hearing tests, height and weight measurements, and other tests deemed	20
21		advisable, at intervals established by the District.	21
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23		The District will not undertake a mass testing of students for tuberculosis	23
24		subsequent to the recommendation by the Secretary of Health for the	24
25		Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that such testing in non-endemic areas may	25
26		lead to excessive unnecessary medical intervention.	26
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28	SC 1409, Pol. 216	The individual records of health examinations shall be maintained as a	28
29		confidential record, subject to statute and Board policy.	29
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31	SC 1419	A student who presents a statement signed by the parent or guardian that a	31
32	Title 28, Sec. 23.45	medical examination is contrary to his/her religious beliefs shall be examined	32
33		only when the Secretary of Health determines that the student presents a	33
34		substantial menace to the health of others.	34

2	SEC 1402, 1406	Where it appears to school health officials or teachers that a student deviates	2
3	Title 22, Sec. 7.13	from normal growth and development or where school examinations reveal	3
4		conditions requiring health or dental care, the parent or guardian shall be	4
5		informed, and a recommendation shall be made that the parent consult a	5
6		private physician or dentist. The parent shall be required to report to the	6
7		school the action taken subsequent to such notification. When the parent or	7
8		guardian informs the school of financial inability to provide an examination,	8
9		the school shall advise him/her of the availability of public assistance. When	9
10		no action is taken, the school may refer student and family to an appropriate	10
11		child welfare agency.	11
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13	SC 1405, Title 28	Parents and guardians of students who are to receive physical and dental	13
14	Sec. 23.2	examinations shall be notified. The notice shall include the date and location	14
15	20 U.S.C.	of the examination and notice that the parent or guardian may attend or may	15
16	Sec. 1232h	have the examination conducted privately at the parent's expense.	16
17		Parents and guardians of all students shall be notified of screenings	17
18		performed by school district personnel at the time of student registration.	18
19		Such statement may also include notification that the student may be	19
20		exempt from such examination or screening if it is contrary to the parent's	20
21		religious beliefs.	21
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23	III. DELEGATION	The Superintendent or designee shall instruct all staff members to continually	23
24	OF	observe students for conditions that indicate physical defect or disability and	24
25	RESPONSIBILITY	to promptly report such conditions to the school nurse.	25
26	SC 1402		26
27		The Superintendent or designee shall request an adequate health record from	27
28	SC 1409	the transferring school for each student transferring into the District.	28
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30	SC 1406	The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that notice is provided to all	30
31	SC 1402, 1403, 1406,	parents regarding the existence of and eligibility for the Children's Health	31
32	1407, 1409, 1419	Insurance Program (CHIP).	32
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