

# REDBANK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
AND IMMUNIZATION

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<p>1. Authority SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.81 et seq</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.83</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 22 Sec. 11.20 Title 28 Sec. 23.84</p> <p>SC 1303a</p> <p>SC 1303a Title 28 Sec. 23.83, 23.84, 23.85 Pol. 201</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">203. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATION</p> <p>In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and guidelines be followed.</p> <p><u>Immunization</u></p> <p>All students shall be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with Pennsylvania statutes, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.</p> <p>No student shall be admitted to or permitted to attend district schools who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations, unless provisionally admitted or exempted for medical or religious reasons by the Superintendent.</p> <p>A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements whose parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunization on religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the student's physical condition contraindicates immunization.</p> <p>Monitoring of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee and the school nurse.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall inform parents/guardians prior to a student's entry to school for the first time of the requirements for immunization, the requisite proof of immunization, exemption available for religious or medical reasons, and means by which such exemptions may be claimed.</p>
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	<p><u>Health Records</u></p> <p>SC 1402 Pol. 209  SC 1409  Title 28 Sec. 23.85</p> <p>A comprehensive health record shall be maintained for each student enrolled in the district. The record shall include the results of required tests, measurements, screenings, and regular and special examinations.</p> <p>All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student or to a physician at the written request of the parent/guardian.</p> <p>As part of the health record, a certificate of immunization shall be maintained for each student enrolled, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.</p> <p>The district shall require parents/guardians to annually complete a medical history report form that includes information regarding known communicable diseases.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 27.71, 27.72</p> <p>The Board authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or are suspected of having a disease by the school nurse shall be excluded from school for the period indicated by regulations of the Department of Health for certain specified diseases and infectious conditions.</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 27.2, 27.23</p> <p>The school nurse shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority, as required by the Department of Health.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p> <p>Instruction regarding prevention of communicable and life threatening diseases shall be provided by the schools in the educational program for all levels, in accordance with state regulations.</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29</p> <p>Parents/Guardians shall be informed of and be provided opportunities during school hours to review all curriculum materials used in such instruction.</p> <p><u>Head Lice/No-Nits</u></p> <p>Due to rapid communicability to head lice and the chance of reinfestation, the Redbank Valley School District has adopted this head lice/no-nit policy. Students having lice or nits shall be excluded from school until they are absolutely free of both lice and nits. Upon exclusion, information for treatment will be provided by the school nurse.</p>
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Students will not be permitted in school with nits in their hair, even though parents/guardians claim they have been treated.

Upon returning to school, it is recommended that a parent/guardian accompany the child for examination by the school nurse for readmission into school.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1303a, 1402, 1409

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.20

State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.81 et seq, 27.2, 27.23, 27.71, 27.72

Board Policy – 105.1, 105.2, 200, 201, 209