

209-AR HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/SCREENINGS

I. Health Examinations and Screenings Guidelines

A. Physical Examinations

Each pupil shall receive a comprehensive health examination upon original entry into school; again in 6th grade and 11th grade according to PA Department of Health recommendations.

1. These examinations shall be conducted by the school physician or a certified registered nurse practitioner.
2. A private examination conducted at the parent's request and at their expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination.
3. The district will accept reports of privately conducted physical examination completed within one (1) year prior to a student's entry into the grade where the examination is required.

B. Dental Examinations

Each pupil shall receive a comprehensive dental examination upon original entry into school, again in 3rd grade and 7th grade according to PA Department of Health recommendations.

1. These examinations shall be conducted by the school dentist.
2. A private dental examination conducted at the parent's request and at their expense will be accepted in lieu of the school dental examination.
3. The district will accept reports of privately conducted dental examination completed within one (1) year prior to a student's entry into the grade where the examination is required.

C. Health Screenings

Each pupil shall be weighed, measured and vision tested annually as recommended by the PA Department of Health. Other tests deemed advisable shall also be performed at intervals established by the PA Department of Health.

1. Vision screening shall be conducted annually for all students from Kindergarten through 12th grade.
2. Hearing screening shall be conducted annually for all students in Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 7th grade and 11th grade.
3. Height and weight measurements shall be completed annually for all students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. This annual screening will include calculation of each student's body mass index (BMI).
4. Scoliosis screening will be conducted for all students in 6th and 7th grades according to PA Department of Health recommendations.
5. Any of the above health screening can be repeated at any time during the school year at the request of a parent/guardian, administrator or teacher.

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D. Notification

1. Parents/Guardians of students who are to be examined by the school physician/CRNP or school dentist shall be notified in writing. The notification will include the date, time and location of the examination. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend all school-based examinations.
2. Parents/ guardians may choose to have their child's physical and/or dental exam conducted privately at any time at the parent's expense.

E. Health Records

1. A comprehensive health record will be maintained for each individual student in the Muhlenberg School District. The health record will contain immunization records, measurements; yearly health screening results, regularly scheduled examination results, medical test results, medication records and any other information pertinent to the health maintenance of an individual student.
2. All student health records shall be confidential and maintained in the grade appropriate school nurse's office.

F. Documents and Information

See the attached forms or go to the Muhlenberg School District website to download the forms.

New Immunization Regulations:

[http://www.muhsdk12.org/tp_files/docs/266/AttParentGuardian\(2009\)\(2\)\[1\].pdf](http://www.muhsdk12.org/tp_files/docs/266/AttParentGuardian(2009)(2)[1].pdf)

Private Physician Physical Form:

http://www.muhsdk12.org/tp_files/docs/266/physicians_form.pdf

Private dental Exam Form:

http://www.muhsdk12.org/tp_files/docs/384/familydental_form.pdf

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