



2014-2015 Health Services Policy

Maintenance of School Records

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education School Code, §23.55. Maintenance of health records.

Health records shall be maintained for each child. These records shall be kept in the school building where the child attends school and shall be available to the school nurse at all times. Records shall be transferred with the child when he moves from one school to another or from one district to another.

The health record for Esperanza Cyber Charter School students includes status of immunizations, health screenings, physical and dental exams, and a completed Emergency Care Form.

Immunizations

All students must comply with the requirements of the State Immunization Code (28 PA Code, Chapter 23). As such, Esperanza Cyber Charter School, as part of the admission application, includes the immunization record as documentation of the student's health record. The school nurse, or the contracted designee, will review all enrollment records to monitor compliance with appropriate immunization status. If a student is identified as out of compliance, the school's guidance counselor will contact the parent to encourage the child to be immunized. It is the parent's responsibility to supply the school with a record of any newly administered immunizations or exceptions to this policy. Proof of immunization may be personal records from a licensed physician or public health nurse with a signature or rubber-stamp validation.

To be in compliance children in all grades enrolled in public schools should receive the following immunization:

- 4 doses of Tetanus* [1 dose on or after the 4th birthday]
- 4 doses of Diphtheria* [1 dose on or after the 4th birthday]
- 3 doses of Polio
- 2 doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)** [administered after 1st birthday]

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- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 2 doses of Varicella [chickenpox] vaccine or proof of disease

*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT or Td

Students attending grade 7 need the following:

- 1 dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis (Tdap, Adacel, Boostrix) if 5 years have elapsed since last tetanus immunization
- 1 dose of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine [MCV]

These requirements allow for exceptions for medical reasons and religious beliefs.

Medical exception – If a student should not be immunized for medical reasons, the student or parent must present a certificate signed by a U.S. licensed physician stating that, in the doctor's opinion, the immunization required would be harmful to the health and well-being of the student or any member of the student's family or household. This certificate must be renewed yearly unless the physician specifies a life- long condition.

Religious exception – If a student's religious beliefs conflict with the requirement that the student be immunized, the student must present a statement signed by the student (or by the parent, if the student is a minor) stating that immunization conflicts with the beliefs and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination of which the student is an adherent or member.

Health Screenings

As a charter school, Esperanza Cyber follows all the same mandates as public schools regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The parent must submit an adequate health record from the previous school upon application. When an exam is required (physical, dental), the school will accept a private physical or dental examination record if completed within ONE year prior to the student's entry into the grade required (see below).

In compliance with PA School Code, all students are required to follow the state's health screenings and exam schedules. Parents are responsible to provide this information to the school on an annual basis. The school will provide a schedule of health screenings to be conducted at the Learning Center to which parents and students can participate.

The student is required to provide the following:

Height, weight, BMI All students Annual	The parent can weigh and measure the student at home and provide the information to the school
Vision screening	The school accepts a vision screen

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All students Annual	completed by the primary care physician or an eye doctor, if the student wears glasses or contacts.
Hearing screening Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7, and 11	Contact your health care provider for more information
Scoliosis screening Grades 6, 7	Contact your health care provider for more information
Physical exam Grades K, 6, and 11	A comprehensive record is submitted upon initial enrollment and grades identified.
Dental exam Grades K, 3, and 7	A comprehensive record is submitted upon initial enrollment and grades identified.

Emergency Care, First Aid, and Illness

If a student has a medical emergency at school or a school-related activity when the parent cannot be reached, the school will need to have written parental consent to obtain emergency medical treatment, information about allergies to medications, etc. Therefore, parents are asked each year to complete an emergency care consent form. Parents should keep emergency care information up-to-date (name of doctor, emergency phone numbers, allergies, etc. found in the enrollment packet).

Students should not come to the Learning Center or attend any school-related events if ill or unable to fully participate to prevent spread of infection. This includes having a fever (100 degrees or higher), vomiting, diarrhea, a rash for at least 24 hours prior, severe or persistent coughing, contagious disease or infection, or untreated head lice.

Any communicable disease excludes the student from attendance at the Learning Center or a school-related events. This includes:

- Strep throat (24 hours after prescription antibiotics begun)
- Conjunctivitis or Pink Eye (24 hours after prescription antibiotics begun)
- Head Lice (until condition treated with pediculicide or approved shampoo)
- Impetigo (until adequate treatment from physician and lesions are no longer draining)
- Ringworm (until adequate treatment from physician)
- Chicken Pox (until all lesions are dry, usually up to six days)
- Scarlet Fever (24 hours after prescription antibiotics begun)
- Scabies (until adequate treatment from physician)
- Pertussis or Whooping Cough (until five days of prescription antibiotic have been given)

Medications

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Most medications can be scheduled for administration at home. No prescription medication will be given in the Learning Center or during school-related events without written consent (Medical at School Permission Form – see Enrollment Forms) from the parent and specific orders from a physician or health-care provider. If the medication is non-prescription, it must be provided by the parent along with a written request, and be in the original, properly labeled container.

A student with asthma who has written authorization from his or her parent and physician or other licensed health care provider may be permitted to use prescribed asthma medication at school or school-related events as permitted by the nurse. They are not allowed to use the medication unless allowed by the nurse.

Students other than those approved to use asthma medication are not allowed to possess, transport or use prescribed or non-prescription medication at school or school-related events.