

**CAPITAL AREA SCHOOL  
FOR THE ARTS  
CHARTER SCHOOL  
(CASA)**

No. 209

SECTION: OPERATIONS  
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EXAMINATIONS/  
SCREENINGS  
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**Policy No. 209 – HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/SCREENINGS**

In compliance with the Pennsylvania School Code, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) shall require that the Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School (“Charter School”) students submit to appropriate health and dental examinations to ensure each student's health status is at an optimal level and that achievement is not lessened as a result of unresolved or undiagnosed health problems.

Each student shall receive a comprehensive health examination upon original entry into school and in sixth and eleventh grades. These examinations shall be conducted by the school physician or school nurse practitioner. In lieu of the medical or dental examinations prescribed by this article, any child of school age may furnish the local school officials with a medical or dental report of examination made at his own expense by his family physician or family dentist on a form approved by the Secretary of Health for this purpose. The in-lieu/private examinations shall be made and the report shall be furnished prior to the date fixed for the regularly scheduled examination but no earlier than one year prior to the opening of the school term during which the regular examination is scheduled.

Annual vision tests shall also be given to each student. Other tests as determined by the Pennsylvania Advisory Health Board shall be as follows: hearing tests for children upon original entry into school and in kindergarten, and grades one, two, three, seven and eleven; tuberculosis tests (PPD) for children upon original entry into school and in grade nine; annual height and weight examinations for children in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade including body mass index; dental exams upon original entry into school and in grades three and seven and scoliosis screening in grades six and seven.

Each student shall receive a comprehensive dental examination upon entry into school and in grades three and seven. These examinations will be conducted by the school dentist or dental hygienist. A private examination conducted at the parents' request and at their expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination.

For each student transferring to the Charter School, the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school. If the record is not transferred or missing necessary documentation, the Charter School shall conduct a medical exam for a comprehensive health appraisal upon student’s entry to the Charter School.

The individual student records of health examinations shall be maintained as a confidential record subject to statute and the policies of the Board.

A student who presents a statement signed by his/her parent or guardian that a medical examination is contrary to his/her religious beliefs shall be examined only when the Secretary of Health determines that the student presents a substantial health menace to the health of other persons exposed to contact with the unexamined person(s).

Where it appears to school health officials or teachers that a child deviates from normal growth and development or where school examinations reveal conditions requiring health or dental care, the parent or guardian of the student shall be so informed and a recommendation shall be made that the parent consult a private physician or dentist. The parent shall be required to report to the school the action taken subsequent to such notification.

When the parents or guardians inform the Charter School of financial inability to provide an examination, charter school shall advise them of the special school medical procedures available.

Parents and guardians of students who are to be examined shall be notified of such examinations. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination and encouragement that the parent or guardian attend. Such notice may also include notification that the parent may have the examination conducted privately at the parents' expense and encouragement that the parent do so in the interest of providing continuity in the student's health care; and, notification that the student may be exempted from such examination if it is contrary to the parents' religious beliefs.

## **Delegation of Responsibility**

- 1) The CEO shall instruct all staff members to observe students continually for conditions that indicate physical defect or disability and to report such conditions promptly to the school nurse.
- 2) When a CEO receives a report of the existence of a communicable disease in a student's family, the school physician, school nurse practitioner or nurse must be notified and vice versa and also the Department of Health in either circumstance.
- 3) A pupil with a communicable disease may not be readmitted to school except upon written receipt of a physician's certificate of recovery or a statement that the illness is not communicable, or upon instruction from the school physician, school nurse practitioner, or nurse.

**TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL'S CHARTER OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.**