

**Cross References**

This section cited in 28 Pa. Code § 23.21 (relating to general).

**§ 23.9. Tuberculosis tests.**

(a) *Pupils to be tested.* A test for tuberculosis shall be administered upon original entry into school, and in grade nine by a tuberculin test.

(b) *Testing methods.* The tuberculin test may be administered by either the multiple puncture method or by the Mantoux test using intermediate strength tuberculin (PPD 0.0001 mg.).

(c) *All tuberculin reactors.* Tuberculin reactors shall be X-rayed. Chest X-rays of tuberculin reactors may be provided by local public or private health agencies. Arrangements for the examinations are the responsibility of the local school authorities.

(d) *Tuberculin testing programs.* A school board or joint school board which finds that individual schools within the school district or jointure have significant differences in the reactor rate may implement tuberculin testing programs for individual schools in accordance with the following:

(1) A test for tuberculosis shall be done annually on original entry into school and in the ninth grade by a tuberculin test in schools with a prior tuberculin reactor rate of 0.5% or above in these grades.

(2) A test for tuberculosis shall be done every third year upon original entry into school and in the ninth grade by a tuberculin test in those schools with a tuberculin reactor rate below 0.5% in these grades. A school which subsequently shows an increase to a level above 0.5% shall renew the annual testing program until the reactor rate descends below 0.5% again.

**Source**

The provisions of this § 23.9 amended July 22, 1971, effective July 23, 1971, 1 Pa.B. 2163.

**Cross References**

This section cited in 28 Pa. Code § 23.21 (relating to general).

**§ 23.10. Scoliosis screening.**

(a) *Scope.* Screening for scoliosis shall be included in school health programs. Scoliosis is an appreciable lateral deviation of the normally straight vertical line of the spine or one or more lateral rotary curvatures of the spine.

(b) *Pupils to be tested.* A scoliosis screening test shall be administered to students in grade six and grade seven and to age-appropriate students in ungraded classes.

(c) *Testing methods.* Scoliosis screening shall be conducted in accordance with administrative and professional guidelines by personnel who meet the qualifications standards adopted by the Secretary of Health and the Secretary of Education.

(d) *Exceptions.* Students who are under observation or care for scoliosis by a physician or students whose parents object in writing to the screening need not be tested.

(e) *Standards.* The Department of Health will issue administrative guidelines to schools to assure compliance with this section. Results of this screening shall become part of the pupil's school health record.

(f) *Evaluation.* Data from the screening program will be evaluated in 5 years, and the need for its continuation will be considered.

#### Authority

The provisions of this § 23.10 issued under sections 2102(g) and 2111(b) of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P. S. §§ 532(g) and 541(b)); section 1402(a) and (f) of the Public School Code of 1949 (24 P. S. § 14-1402(a) and (f)); and section 6 of the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955 (35 P. S. § 521.16).

#### Source

The provisions of this § 23.10 amended June 11, 1982, effective September 1, 1982, 12 Pa.B. 1819. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (6928).

#### Cross References

This section cited in 22 Pa. Code § 23.21 (relating to general).

### § 23.11. Special examinations.

Children who appear to the school teacher, nurse, physician, dentist or dental hygienist to deviate from their normal growth and development pattern shall be reported to the parents or guardians who shall be requested to have the children examined by their family physician or family dentist. The results of these examinations shall be reported to the school. If the children are not examined within a reasonable length of time and their growth and development pattern continues to deviate from normal, the nurse, school physician, school dentist or dental hygienist shall arrange special school examinations for these children.

#### Authority

The provisions of this § 23.11 issued under sections 2102(g) and 2111(b) of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P. S. §§ 532(g) and 541(b)); section 1402(a) and (f) of the Public School Code of 1949 (24 P. S. § 14-1402(a) and (f)); and section 6 of the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955 (35 P. S. § 521.16).