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REQUIRED HEALTH SCREENINGS

Pennsylvania mandates the following health examination as indicated:

Hearing: 11th

Height/Weight/BMI: All grades

Vision: All grades

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

The state of Pennsylvania requires a physical examination for all 11th grade students. This should be performed by your child's private/primary physician. School districts are permitted to accept reports of private physical exams completed within one year prior to a student's entry into 11th grade. If your child has had a physical within the past 12 months for a driver's permit, working papers, or any other reason, you may complete the *Parent Verification of Physical Exam* form and return it to the Nurses Office as soon as possible. Please include a copy of your child's updated immunization record. Forms are available in the Nurses Office and on the website: [www.BCTHS.com / Offices/ Nurses Office](http://www.BCTHS.com/Offices/Nurses%20Office). Recent changes to immunization law requires students to receive an additional meningitis vaccine (see immunizations, below). This is usually administered during the 11th grade physical exam. It will not be administered to students who receive the physical by the school physician.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Prior to entry into 9th grade, all students should have the following immunizations:

- 4 doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity
- At least 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)

Prior to entry to 12th grade, after age 16, all students should have the following required immunization:

- Second dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV). (If second dose is given prior to age 16, a third dose is required).

Exemptions to the school law for immunizations for medical, religious, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical convictions requires an annual written note submitted to the School Nurse's Office.

On the fifth day of school, unless the student has a medical, religious, or philosophical exclusion, the child MUST have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion from school.