Agenda of Work Session

The Board of Trustees
Shikellamy School District

A Work Session of the Board of Trustees of Shikellamy School District will be held Thursday, November 5, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM Island Park Administration Center, 200 ISLAND BLVD, Sunbury, PA 17801.

1. **Call to Order**
    1.A. Pledge of Allegiance
    1.B. Public Comment - Agenda Items
2. **Feasibility Study Presentations**
3. **Legal RFP Discussion**
4. **Policy Committee - S. Shreck**

Description: Review the following:
BP 204.1 - Virtual Attendance and Wellness Check — NEW Policy
BP 102 — Academic Standards — Revision
BP 209 — Health Examinations/Screenings — Revision

BOARD POLICY

204.1 Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks

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204.1	v1.1	DRAFT	10/14/2026

PURPOSE

This policy establishes standards for wellness checks for students who receive academic instruction exclusively through the district's virtual instruction program for the full school year. Wellness checks are conducted to verify attendance and to facilitate the safety and well-being of students.

AUTHORITY

The Board directs the maintenance of a wellness check process that complies with state law.[1]

This policy shall be posted on the district's publicly accessible website.[1]

DEFINITION

District employee/representative – a district teacher, administrator or other district representative who is subject to mandated reporter requirements for child abuse under the Child Protective Services Law.[2][3]

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for implementing this policy.

It shall be the responsibility of the designated district employee/representative to administer wellness check procedures in accordance with applicable law and this policy.

GUIDELINES

Weekly Wellness Checks

Weekly wellness checks must be conducted for each student enrolled in the district's virtual instruction program who receives academic instruction exclusively through virtual means for the full school year.[1]

At least once during any week consisting of three (3) or more full or partial academic instructional days, a district employee/representative shall ensure that each student is visibly seen and communicated with in real time either, in person or through electronic means.[1]

Wellness Check Methods

Acceptable methods of conducting wellness checks include:[1]

1. A student turning on a webcam and the district employee/representative visibly seeing and communicating with the student during synchronous online instruction.

2. Virtual or face-to-face participation by the student in any of the following activities:
    a. Health screenings.
    b. Standardized testing.
    c. Advising sessions.
    d. Tutoring sessions.
    e. In person, school-sponsored activities chaperoned by a district employee/representative.

Excused Absence Exemptions

A student may be exempt from a wellness check on the day a check is attempted if the student has an excused absence pursuant to applicable attendance requirements.[1] [4][5]

If this occurs, the district shall conduct the wellness check on the next school day or another school day during the same week. If a student has an excused absence for all school days during the same week, the student shall be exempt from the wellness check requirement for that week.[1] [4][5]

Internet or Power Outage Exemptions

A student may be exempt from a wellness check when the student's household experiences a documented Internet or power outage during the day and time of the attempted wellness check.[1]

If this occurs, the district shall conduct the wellness check on the next school day or another school day during the same week following resolution of the outage.[1]

The student's parent/guardian shall provide documentation of the outage to the district as soon as possible.[1]

Failure to Complete a Required Wellness Check

Within one (1) school day after a student fails to complete a required wellness check, the district shall:[1]

1. Make documented and ongoing efforts to complete the required wellness check and contact the student's parent/guardian using at least two (2) different methods of communication; and
2. Provide written notice to the parent/guardian, in the parent's/guardian's preferred language, stating that the required wellness check has not been completed.

Wellness Review Conference

If the required wellness check is not completed within three (3) school days following the issuance of written notice, the district shall immediately schedule a wellness review conference to occur within one (1) school day. The wellness review conference may be conducted in person or through electronic means.[1]

The wellness review conference will be conducted to:[1]

1. Complete the required wellness check through real-time visual interaction with the student;
2. Reestablish communication with the student and the student's parent/guardian; and
3. Identify interventions to facilitate future participation in wellness checks.

The wellness review conference shall convene as scheduled regardless of whether the student or the student's parent/guardian participates.[1]

In-Person Wellness Check

If a student does not participate in the wellness review conference, the district must conduct an in-person wellness check within twenty-four (24) hours of the scheduled conference, even if this time period falls on a weekend or holiday.[1]

Wellness Check Records

The district shall maintain accurate records of all wellness checks, including the date, time, method, and outcome of each check.[1]

District administrators are prohibited from altering attendance records for wellness checks after a wellness check has been performed, except to correct an identified error.[1]

Reporting Requirements

Any district employee/representative who observes an indications of abuse, neglect or harm to a child during a wellness check, wellness review conference, or related contact, the district employee/representative is required to report the concerns in accordance with law and Board policy.[1][2][3]

The district shall maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this policy and applicable law.[1]

Such documentation shall be provided to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) upon request. Failure to comply with the with such requests may result in:[1]

1. A requirement to report to PDE the date, time and method of each wellness check for each student enrolled exclusively in the district's virtual instruction program.
2. Mandating district educators, administrators and staff to complete child abuse recognition, prevention and reporting training annually.
3. Requiring the district to meet in person with each student enrolled in a virtual instruction program at least once during the school year following the school year in which the district was found to be out of compliance.
4. Prohibiting the district from being awarded a competitive state grant by PDE until the district demonstrates compliance.

Legal Footnotes

[1] **24 P.S. 1327.4**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] **23 Pa. C.S.A. 6301 et seq**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] **Pol. 806 — Child/Student Abuse**
POLICY REFERENCE

[4] **24 P.S. 1329**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] **Pol. 204 — Attendance**
POLICY REFERENCE

BOARD POLICY

209 Health Examinations/Screenings

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209	12/7/2000	6/16/2021	v1.2
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Authority

In compliance with ~~applicable law and regulations, and Board approved health and safety plans,~~ the School Code, the Board shall require that district students submit to health and dental examinations, ~~screenings and health monitoring~~ in order to protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease, to ensure that the student's participation in health, safety and physical education courses meetshis/her ~~the student's~~ individual needs, and to ensure that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.[1] [2] [3] [4]

Guidelines

Each student shall receive a comprehensive health examination upon original entry, in sixth grade, and in eleventh grade, conducted by the school physician.[2] [4] [5]

Each student shall receive a comprehensive dental examination upon original entry, in third grade, and in seventh grade, conducted by the school dentist.[3] [4] [5]

A private health and/or dental examination conducted at the parents'/guardians' request and expense will be accepted in lieu of the school examination.[5]

The district will accept reports of privately conducted physical and dental examinations completed within one (1) year prior to a student's entry into the grade where an exam is required.

The school nurse or medical technician shall administer to each student vision tests, hearing tests, other tests deemed advisable, and height and weight measurements, at intervals established by the district. Height and weight measurements shall be used to calculate the student's Body Mass Index (BMI).[2] [4] [6]

The individual records of health examinations shall be maintained as a confidential record, subject to statute and Board policy and a copy shall be given to the parents/guardian, upon their request.~~[15]~~ ~~**[16]**~~

A student who presents a statement signed by the parent/guardian that a medical ~~health~~ examination is contrary to his/her ~~student's or parents/guardians's~~ religious beliefs shall be examined only when the Secretary of Health determines that the student presents ~~that certain conditions would present~~ a substantial menace to the health of others.~~[10]~~~~[11]~~ (9) (10)

Where it appears to school health officials or teachers that a student deviates from normal growth and development, or where school examinations reveal conditions requiring health or dental care, the parent/guardian shall be informed; and a recommendation shall be made that the parent/guardian consult a private physician or dentist. The parent/guardian shall be required to report to the school the action taken subsequent to such notification. When the parent/guardian informs the school of financial inability to provide an examination, the school shall advise him/her of the availability of public assistance. Where no action is taken, the school may conduct further examinations.[2] [4] [~~17~~] (11)

Parents/Guardians of students who are to receive physical ~~health~~ and dental examinations or screenings shall be notified. The notice shall include the date and location of the examination or screening and notice that the parent/guardian may attend or may have the examination or screening conducted privately at the parent's/guardian's expense. Such statement may also include notification that the student may be exempted from such examination or screening if it is contrary to the parent's/guardian's religious beliefs. If this notice or private examination form is not completed and returned to the student's school by the date of the scheduled school physical/~~health/~~dental examinations or screening, the student will be included in the school examination or screening.(12) (13) (14)~~[7]~~ ~~[8]~~ ~~[9]~~

~~Health Monitoring~~

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall instruct all ~~Board directs district~~ staff members ~~to monitor~~to continually observe students for conditions that indicate ~~student~~ health problems or disability ~~in accordance with applicable Board policy~~ and to promptly report such conditions to the school nurse.

~~the Board-approved health and safety plan. [12]~~

~~A student may~~ The Superintendent or designee shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school for each student transferring into the district. ~~alternative method of monitoring as a religious accommodation, and designated~~ district ~~staff shall assess and respond to such request in accordance with applicable law, regulations and Board policy. A request for an accommodation that would unreasonably impair safety or cause undue hardship will not be granted. [13]~~

~~A student with a health condition that may render a monitoring method ineffective should notify designated staff so that alternative or supplemental methods may be considered. [13] [14]~~

~~Students who may be exhibiting symptoms that indicate health concerns shall be referred to the school nurse or designated staff for further assessment and response, in accordance with Board policy. [12]~~

~~**Delegation of Responsibility**~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall instruct all staff members to continually observe students for conditions that indicate health concerns or disability and to promptly report such conditions to the school nurse or designated staff.[2]~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall request an adequate health record from the transferring school for each student transferring into the district.[15]~~

~~Health records shall be kept on file for two (2) years after a student graduates or withdraws from school.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that notice is provided to all parents/guardians regarding the existence of and eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).[17]~~

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Legal Footnotes

[1] 24 P.S. 1401
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] 24 P.S. 1402
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] 24 P.S. 1403
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] 22 PA Code 12.41
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] 24 P.S. 1407
LEGAL REFERENCE

[6] 28 PA Code 23.1 et seq
LEGAL REFERENCE

[7] 24 P.S. 1405
LEGAL REFERENCE

[8] 28 PA Code 23.2
LEGAL REFERENCE

[9] 20 U.S.C. 1232h
LEGAL REFERENCE

[10] 24 P.S. 1419
LEGAL REFERENCE

[11] 28 PA Code 23.45
LEGAL REFERENCE

[12] Pol. 203 — Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
POLICY REFERENCE

[13] Pol. 103 — Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
POLICY REFERENCE

[14] Pol. 103.1 — Nondiscrimination — Qualified Students With Disabilities
POLICY REFERENCE

[15] 24 P.S. 1409
LEGAL REFERENCE

[16] Pol. 216 — Student Records
POLICY REFERENCE

[17] 24 P.S. 1406
LEGAL REFERENCE

BOARD POLICY

102 Academic Standards

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102	11/13/2003	2/5/2009	3/11/2021
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Purpose

The Board recognizes that education is a vital function of the state and community. The school community, through the strategic planning process, shall be encouraged to participate in the development of the educational goals and academic standards established for this school district.[1][2][3][4]

Definition

Academic standards - means what a student should know and be able to do a specified grade level. For purposes of this policy, the term academic standards encompasses Pennsylvania Core Standards, Pennsylvania Integrated Standards, state academic stnadards and local academic standards. ~~shall be defined as what a student should know and be able to do at a specified grade level; they shall describe the knowledge and skills students will be expected to demonstrate in order to graduate.[5][6]~~

Authority

The Board shall establish academic standards for district students to attain, in accordance with those adopted by the State Board of Education, in the following content areas:[2][3][4]

1. English Language Arts (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening) PA Core Standards.

2. Mathematics. (PA Core Standards)
3. Science and Technology. (PA Integrated Standards)
4. Environment and Ecology. (PA Integrated Standards)
5. Social Studies - to include history, geography, civics and government, and economics. - to include PA Core Standards reading in history and social studies, and writing for history and social studies.
6. Arts and Humanities.
7. Career Education and Work.
8. Health, Safety and Physical Education.
9. Family and Consumer Science.
10. World Languages.
11.

1. Personal Finance

Guidelines

The district's curriculum shall be designed to provide students with the planned instruction needed to attain established academic standards. **Such standards require the incorporation of education on social media literacy.**[2][4][5]

The district shall address social media literacy by providing instruction to students on the potential health and academic impacts, and safety and security concerns associated with social media use.[9]

The district shall assess individual student attainment of established academic standards and provide assistance for students having difficulty attaining academic standards.[2][6][7]

Students with disabilities may attain academic standards by completion of their Individualized Education Programs in accordance with law, regulations and Board policy.[2][8]

Legal Footnotes

[1] **22 PA Code 4.4**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] **22 PA Code 4.12**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] **22 PA Code 4.13**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] **Pol. 4**
POLICY REFERENCE
Referenced policy is not available in this policy book.

[5] **Pol. 5**
POLICY REFERENCE
Referenced policy is not available in this policy book.

[6] **Pol. 6**
POLICY REFERENCE
Referenced policy is not available in this policy book.

[7] **Pol. 7**
POLICY REFERENCE
Referenced policy is not available in this policy book.

5. **Review Regular Board Agenda Action Items - Minutes, Bills, and Resolutions**
6. **Public Comment - General Topics**
7. **Other**
    7.A. School Board Members
    7.B. Administrators
    7.C. Superintendent
8. **Adjournment**
