

<p>PRESTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FILE: 8 – PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT File: 8-7 Tuberculin Examinations</p>	<p>Last Reviewed: 6-28-10 Next Review: 7-01-12</p>
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The Preston County Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of its students and personnel from tuberculosis in the communicable stage. Therefore, all school personnel (including full-time or part-time substitutes) shall have an approved tuberculin skin test at the time of employment performed by the local health department or the person’s physician. Additional tuberculosis skin tests or other medical screens may be required by the local health department or Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health, if medically indicated. Positive reactors to the tuberculin examination **and** those with previous positive skin tests shall be immediately referred to a physician for evaluation and treatment or further studies.

School personnel found to have tuberculosis in a communicable stage shall have their employment suspended until the local health officer, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health, approves a return to work. School personnel who have not had the required examination will be suspended from employment until reports of examination are confirmed by the local health officer.

The local health officer shall be responsible for arranging proper follow-up of school personnel and students who are unable to obtain physician evaluation for a positive tuberculin skin test.

The Commissioner shall have the authority to require selective testing of students and school personnel for tuberculosis when there is reason to believe that they may have been exposed to the tuberculosis organism.

The school nurse shall identify and refer any students or school personnel to the local health officer in instances where he/she may have reason to suspect that the individual has been exposed to tuberculosis or has symptoms indicative of the disease.
(WVC §16-3D-3)

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