

Overview

- Act 20 of 2026 updated the Pennsylvania School Code for the 2026-2027 school year.
- New mandates were issued for public schools, including the Weekly Wellness Checks for all students in cyber, including cyber programs facilitated by public brick and mortar schools.
- Under Act 20, weekly wellness checks are required for each student who is enrolled full time in cyber.
- School districts shall, once per week, ensure that each student is visibly seen and communicated with in real time by a member of school personnel.

Process for Lake-Lehman's Weekly Wellness Check

- A zoom meeting invitation will be sent to each student. Meetings will be for each student individually.
- Meetings will last just a few minutes, giving school personnel the opportunity to conduct the Wellness Check and for students to ask any questions they may have.
- **THE STUDENT'S CAMERA MUST BE ON- the language in the mandate specifically states the student must be visibly seen in real time.**
- Documentation of the wellness checks will be completed through a Google form, which includes student name, grade level, date of wellness check, and whether or not the student was present.

If a student fails to attend a scheduled wellness check

- The district will attempt to reschedule within a school day.
- If the wellness check is not completed within 3 days, the district will schedule a *Wellness Review Conference* with the student, the parent/guardian, and other school personnel that may be needed.
- If the student and parent/guardian do not participate in the Wellness Review Conference, *the district will conduct an in-person wellness check within 24 hours.*

If there is any suspicion of, or observation of abuse, neglect or harm to the child, it will be reported to the proper authorities, as per the mandate and the existing mandated reporter regulations for school employees.

If the student is unavailable for the scheduled time blocks

- The student must email Mr. Shook, Mrs. Shipula or their assigned teacher to request an alternate time.

When will the Weekly Wellness Check be held for students in grades K-6?

- Individually scheduled with Mrs. Shipula each week.

When will the Weekly Wellness Check be held for students in grades 7-12?

- Tuesdays 11:10-11:40 AM
- Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 PM

When does this process begin?

- Some students have already met with Mrs. Shipula
- All students will begin the week of September 21 if they have not already done so

Reminders for Students:

- Confidentiality will be maintained. Students will not join zooms with each other, but instead remain in the waiting room until it is their turn.
- Reach out in advance to Mr. Shook or Mrs. Shipula if you know you are unavailable for the scheduled window of time.
- Failure to comply with the process may result in referral to outside agencies if there is an issue of truancy or a suspicion of neglect, abuse or harm.