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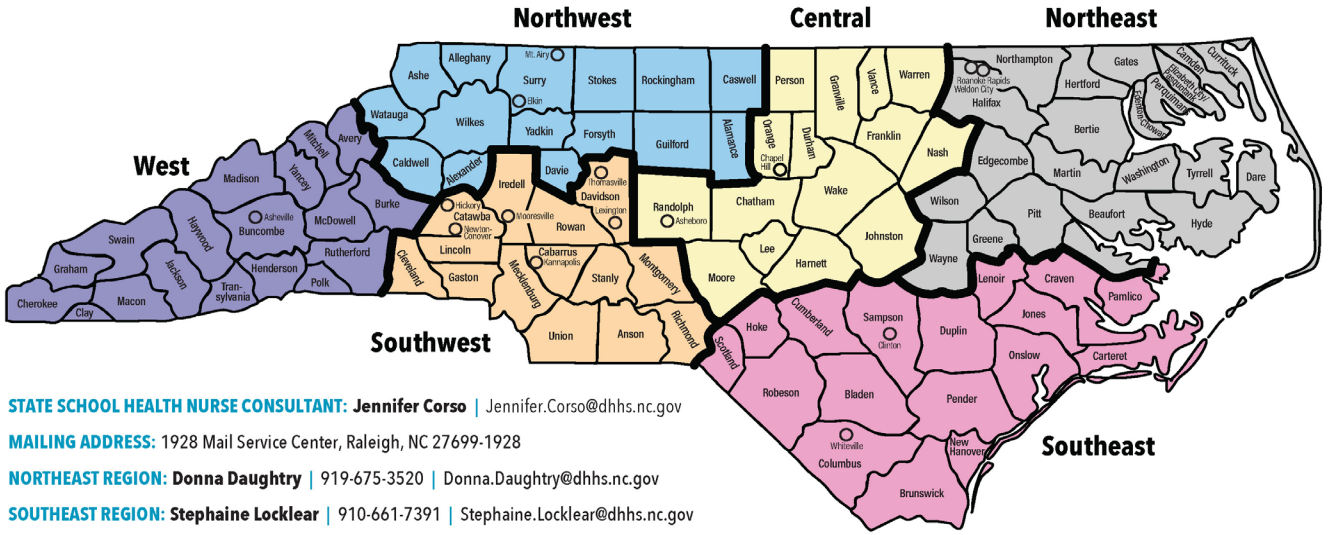
School Health Requirements

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School Health Requirements for NC Charter Schools

Objectives

Participants will understand:

- Student health requirements for N.C. Charter Schools
- Student health recommendations for consideration
- Available resources for assistance in addressing student health issues

Communication is Key

EDDIE

Educational Directory and Demographical Information Exchange (EDDIE) is the authoritative source for NC public school numbers and demographic information. It is used by multiple NCDPI technology systems.

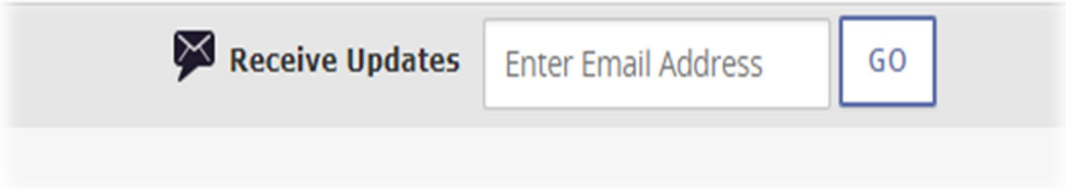
Here is the link for EDDIE:

https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/demographics-and-finances/eddie#go-to-eddie

Communication is Key

Office of Charter Schools Newsletter

Student Health Officer/Coordinator for each charter should subscribe to the Office of Charter School's newsletter. It will have all the most up-to-date information. Anyone may subscribe by clicking the link https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NCSBE/bulletins/211694b and entering their email information at the top of the page as demonstrated below.



School Health Requirements for NC Charter Schools



School Nursing in NC

- All institutions are subject to certain health care requirements and to licensing requirements from professional practice boards, as established in NC state statute.
- The NC Board of Nursing regulates all nursing (RN, LPN) and nursing assistant practice through statute-based authority.
- Appropriate qualifications help to ensure safe delivery of care and to limit liability.

School Nursing in NC

- **Registered nurse is the only license with a scope to practice independently in the school setting (not supervised by another license).**
- **Badge law: It is unlawful for any non-licensed individual to practice or offer to practice as a nurse or use the word "nurse" as a title for himself/herself or use abbreviations to indicate that he/she is a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.**

Charter School Responsibility

G.S. 115C-218.75 General Operating Requirements.

A charter school shall meet the same health and safety requirements required of a local school administrative unit. PSUs are required by NCBOE policy to make the services of an RN available to students for the planning and implementation regarding health needs and every PSU in NC has access to an RN school nurse (reference on next slide).

Charter School Responsibility

Special health care services to be provided under BEP support services, 16NCAC 6D.0402:

(a) Each LEA shall make available a registered nurse for assessment, care planning, and on-going evaluation of students with special health care service needs in the school setting. Special health care services include procedures that are invasive, carry reasonable risk of harm if not performed correctly, may not have a predictable outcome, or may require additional action based on results of testing or monitoring.

(b) Care planning includes but is not limited to:

1) *identification of appropriate person(s) to perform the procedure;*
2) *teaching those persons to perform the procedure; and*
3) *identification of a mechanism for registered nurses to provide ongoing supervision to ensure the procedure is performed appropriately and monitoring the student's response to care provided in the school setting.*

(c) To assure that these services are provided, LEAs have the flexibility to hire registered nurses, to contract with individual registered nurses, to contract for nursing services through local health departments, home care organizations, hospitals and other providers, or to negotiate coverage for planning and implementing these services with the licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant prescribing the health care procedure.

(d) LEAs shall implement this rule in compliance with the provisions of G.S. 115C-307(c).

Charter School Responsibility

Protect Health and Safety of Students

Medical Care to Students by School Personnel

Authority to provide care: GS 115C-375.1

- **Law allows school staff to give medical care within areas described when trained to do so by a qualified individual**
- **Allows staff to refuse**
- **Provides limited protection from liability**

School Health Requirements

Students with Diabetes **– Required by Law**

- GS 115C-375.3
  - Senate Bill 911
  - Senate Bill 738

Ensures that guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) are implemented in schools in which students with diabetes are enrolled.

Report on compliance annually by June 20th.

School Health Requirements

Required components for schools with diabetic students:

- **Generalized diabetic training for all school staff**
- **Two intensively trained school staff for individual students with diabetes**
- **Written plan for diabetic student care**

School Health Requirements

Resources for schools with one or more students with diabetes:

The American Diabetes Association (ADA)

- **Forms for written care plans and other documents are available at https://diabetes.org/advocacy/safe-at-school-state-laws/diabetes-medical-management-plan**
- **Safe at School Training Curriculum: Diabetes Care Tasks at School: What Key Personnel Need to Know (updated June 21, 2025) https://diabetes.org/tools-support/know-your-rights/safe-at-school-state-laws/training-resources-school-staff**
- **Training videos and power point presentations are also at this site in addition to being posted on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih1NXYx2k9g&feature=share&list=EC3DE9DDE8EB2A2E56**

School Health Requirements

School Supply of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors **GS 115C-375.2A**

- **Provides for the undiagnosed person experiencing an anaphylactic reaction.**
- **Directs local boards of education, charter schools and regional schools.**
- **Applicable during the school day and at school-sponsored events on school property.**

  School property does not include transportation to or from school.
- **Requires a minimum of two epinephrine auto-injectors in an unlocked and easily accessible location**
- **Requires specific training by statute identified individuals.**
- **Specifies planning and response steps.**
- **Specifies who can write prescriptions.**

School Health Requirements

Return to Learn After Concussion-SHLT-001:

This educational policy includes guidelines for safe and appropriate return to the educational environment for ALL students post-concussion.

- **Policy:** https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/academic-standards/programs-and-initiatives/nc-healthy-schools/policylegislation
- **Training Modules:** https://ncschoolpsychology.med.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/RtL-Flyer-NCEES-Course-Flyer.pdf

Annual Charter School Health Services Report

- Reports compliance for school health requirements
- Communicated via Office of Charter Schools Newsletter
- Must meet all the sub-requirements to be reported as compliant
- Compliance is reported as part of Performance Framework- A-17

  The school is compliant with all student health and safety requirements as defined in general statute, State Board of Education (SBE) policy, or the signed charter agreement.

Current Health Law and Charter Schools



Current Health Law and Charter Schools

Immunizations – Required by Law G.S. 130A-155(c)

- **ALL North Carolina children must be compliant with immunization law.**
- **Principal/headmaster is required to exclude students not in compliance after the 30th calendar day from the first day of school.**

Have a staff person responsible for verifying immunizations and reporting.

Current Health Law and Charter School

Health Assessment **– Required by Law**

G.S. 130A-440

Health Assessment required for all students new to NC public schools within 30 calendar days of a child's first day of attendance in the public schools.

Principal/headmaster shall not permit the child to attend the school until the required health assessment transmittal form has been presented by the 30th calendar day.

This action is NOT allowed to impact the student's academics.

Current Health Law and Charter Schools

- **Charter schools verify and report on the compliance by November 1 of each year.**
- **Reporting compliance for Immunizations G.S. 130A-155(c)**

  The school shall file an annual immunization report with DHHS by November 1. The report shall be filed on forms prepared by DHHS and shall state the number of children attending the school or facility, the number of children who had not obtained the required immunization within 30 days of their first attendance, the number of children who received a medical exemption and the number of children who received a religious exemption.
- **Reporting compliance for Health Assessments G.S. 130A-441**

  Within 60 calendar days after the commencement of a new school year, the principal shall file a health assessment status report with DHHS on forms developed by DHHS and the Department of Public Instruction. The report shall document the number of children in compliance and not in compliance with G.S. 130A-440(a).

Current Health Law and Charter Schools

Required by Statute: *Garrett's Law Notifications*

G.S. 115C-47

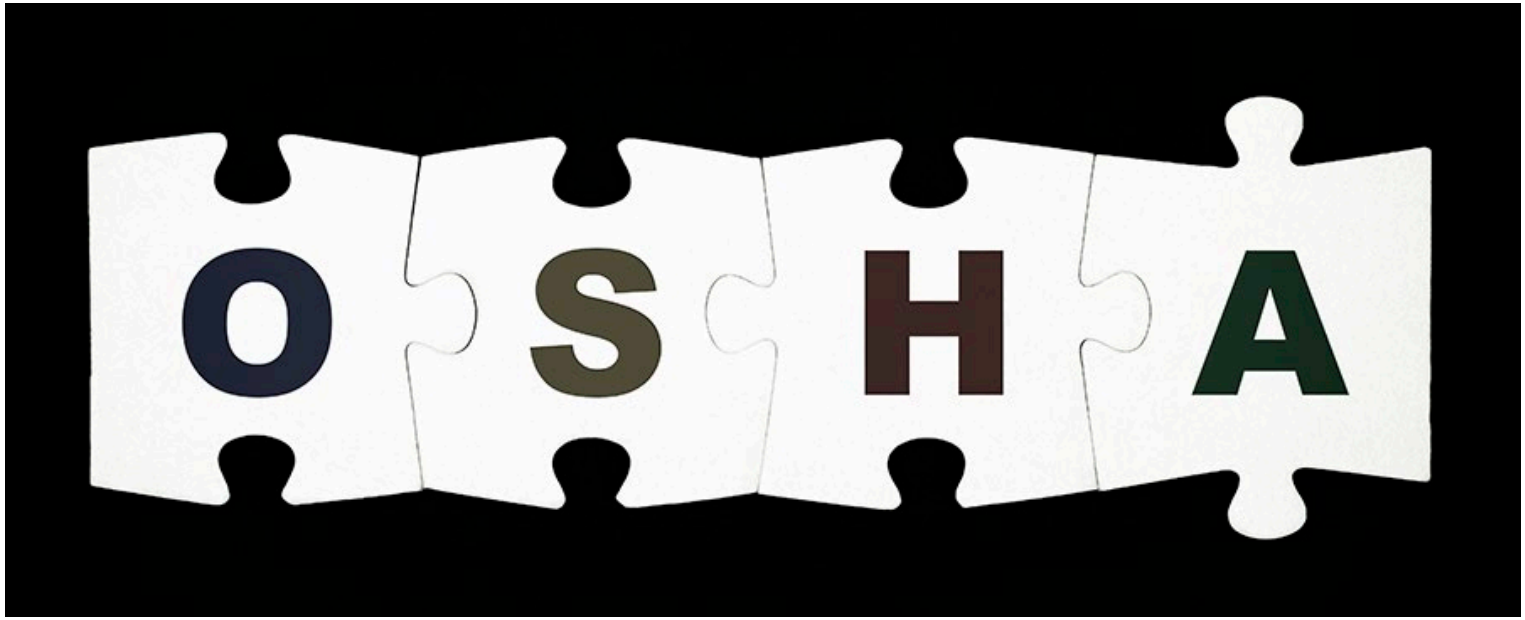
§ 115C-218.75. General operating requirements - information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their vaccines shared at the beginning of every school year. This information shall include the causes, symptoms, and how meningococcal meningitis and influenza are spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children.

Grades 5 -12: Charter schools to provide at the beginning of the school year information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases to parents and guardians. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination, and the places parents and guardians my obtain additional information.

Resources for this available at Immunization Branch

http://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/resourcesforschools.htm

Federal Laws Impacting Charter Schools



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CLIA: Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of (1988)

Require "anyone performing even one test, including waived procedures, on human specimens for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease or impairment of, or the assessment of the health of a human being…"

to register for a CLIA certificate of waiver

https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ahc/clia/index.html

Federal Laws Impacting Charter Schools

Occupational Health and Safety Act (OSHA)

- **Requirements and samples may be found at the links:**
- https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/CPL_2-2_69_APPD.pdf
- https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/osha3186.pdf

- The Training Network
  - **NC Department of Labor Library free web-based training library**
  - **In order to access the streaming safety videos via subscription, you will need to submit a completed, signed library loan agreement which can be accessed from this page: https://www.labor.nc.gov/documents/library-loan-agreement**

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School Health Recommendations & Resources



School Health Recommendations

You will have students on medication and need to have a clear system in place to protect yourself and the student.

- **Medication administration**
- **Policy and procedure**
- **Treat all medications the same**

  Prescription & Over-the-counter need parent and physician written authorization
- **Discourage routine medications at school when possible**

School Health Recommendations

***Other recommended policies include*:**

- **Prevention and control of communicable disease**
- **Provision of emergency care, including injury reporting**
- **Screening, referral and follow-up**
- **Maintenance of student health records/electronic records**
- **Special health care services (State Board of Education Policy GCS-G-006)**
- **Process for identification of students with acute and chronic health care needs/conditions**
- **Response to Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR) directive**

School Health Recommendations

Don’t make assumptions - ask

- **Student Emergency Contact Card**
  - **Update this information every year**
- **Have written policies and procedures that are board approved.**
  - **Share them with parents/guardians**
- **NC DPI and NCDHHS updates, law changes, reminders:**
  - **Office of Charter Schools Newsletter**

Resources

Guidance for Emergencies and School Health related topics…

- DCFW School Nursing Support Webpage
- Emergency Guidelines for Schools