

School Health Requirements for NC Charter Schools

In accordance with G.S. 115C-218.175(a), a charter school shall meet the same health and safety requirements required of a local school administrative unit. Navigating student health requirements can pose a challenge especially for schools that do not employ a school nurse. School health consultants are available as a resource to assist schools.

Medical Care to Students by School Personnel

- [GS 115C-375.1](#) ○ Allows school staff to give medical care within areas described ○ Allows staff to refuse ○ Provides limited protection from liability

Students with Diabetes

[GS 115C-375.3](#), [Senate Bill 911](#)

[Senate Bill 738](#)

- Ensure that guidelines adopted by the SBE are implemented in schools in which students with diabetes are enrolled.
- Report by June 1st of each year ○ Number of students with diabetes enrolled during the past school year ○ Generalized diabetic training for school staff ○ Two intensively trained school staff for specific students with diabetes ○ Written plan for diabetic student care

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

<http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/diabetes-care-at-school/>

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>

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Immunizations

Charter Schools are subject to the same immunization requirements as traditional public schools. In addition, the statutes within the [Charter School Law](#) require additional information regarding specific immunizations to be distributed. All children attending a NC public school shall be immunized accordance with [G.S. 130A-155](#) unless the family provides evidence of a [medical](#) or [religious](#) exemption.

ALL North Carolina children must be compliant with immunization law.

- Principal/headmaster is required to exclude students not in compliance by the 30th calendar day after start of school.
- Charter schools verify and report on that compliance by November 1st of each year.

Resources for schools and for families:

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

[G.S. 130A-155](#). Submission of certificate to child care facility, preschool and school authorities; record maintenance; reporting. As a public entity, charter schools are subject to public immunization requirements contained in this statute.

[G.S. 115C-218.75](#)

The Department of Public Instruction shall ensure that charter schools provide parents and guardians with information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their vaccines 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.

The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide parents and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information shall be provided at the beginning of the school year to parents of children entering grades five through 12. 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 where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children.

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Health Assessment

[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 ○ NOT allowed to impact student's academics
- DPH and DPI developed the Health Assessment Transmittal form according to specification listed in the law
- Forms can be downloaded at:
<https://www2.ncdhs.gov/dph/wch/families/schoolhealth.htm>

School Supply of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

[GS 115C-375.2A](#) ○ Provides for an undiagnosed person experiencing an

anaphylactic reaction.

- Applicable during the school day and at school sponsored events on school property.
- Requires a minimum of two epinephrine auto-injectors in an unlocked, easily accessible, temperature-controlled location. ○ Requires specific training by statute identified individual.
- Specifies planning and response steps ○ Specifies who can write prescriptions

Resources for maintaining School Supply of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors:

Your Local Health Department

<http://www.ncalhd.org/directors/>

NC Board of Pharmacy Guidance:

<http://www.ncbop.org/fags/Pharmacist/GuidanceEpinephrineAutoInjectorStatuteDec2014.pdf>

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- EpiPen4Schools®
<http://epipen4schools.com/>

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://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/ePolicy/policy.aspx?PC=SHLT-001&Sch=10399&S=10399&C=&RevNo=1.02&T=A&Z=P&St=ADOPTED&PG=6&SN=true>

General Information: <https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/disability-resources/traumatic-brain-injury/nc-dpi-concussion-information.pdf>

Current Health Law and Charter Schools

Garrett's Law Notifications

- Statute requires that you provide annual notification regarding vaccines for meningitis, flu and HPV.

Resources:

- NC Immunization Branch
<http://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/resourcesforschools.htm>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/>

Safe Surrender

G.S.115C-218.175(a)

The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide students in grades nine through 12 with information annually on the manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby with a responsible person, in accordance with G.S. 7B-500.

More information about Safe Surrender can be found on the [Department of Health and Human Services website](#).

Federal Laws Impacting Charter Schools ○ CLIA: Clinical Laboratory

Improvement Amendments of (1988)

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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>

Occupational Health and Safety Act (OSHA)

- Requirements may be downloaded from http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/Directive_pdf/CPL_2-2_69.pdf

School Health Recommendations for NC Charter Schools

Medication Administration:

Because there will be students on medication at your school, we advise having a system in place to protect yourself and the student.

- Policy and procedure (board approved)
- Treat all medications the same
- Discourage routine medications at school, whenever possible

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

Resources for Daily Use:

- DPH School Nurse Webpage-School Nursing Support <https://publichealth.nc.gov/wch/cy/schoolnurses/>

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- Emergency Guidelines for Schools
<https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/EMS/pdf/kids/guidelines.pdf>