


School Health Requirements for NC Charter Schools (Part II)


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Students may be exempt from providing a certificate of immunization and/or proof of a health assessment if there are...

Medical or Philosophical reasons Medical or Religious reasons Philosophical or Religious reasons None of the above All of the above	
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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.
- Resources for schools and for families
<https://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/resourcesforschools.htm>
- https://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/kidstuff/newscheduler_le/

Have a staff person responsible for verifying immunizations and reporting

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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
 - **NOT allowed to impact student's academics**

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- Charter schools verify and report on the compliance **by November 1st of each year.**
- Reporting compliance for Immunizations [G.S. 130A-155\(c\)](#)
 - The school shall file an annual immunization report with the Department by November 1. The child care facility shall file an immunization report annually with the Department. The report shall be filed on forms prepared by the Department 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 the Department on forms developed by the Department 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).

NC charter schools are required to provide parents and guardians of students grades 5-12 with the information related to _____ at the beginning of each school year:

- Meningitis and Influenza
- Influenza and HPV
- Meningitis, Influenza and HPV
- Meningitis, Influenza, TDaP, and HPV

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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 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 provided information at the beginning of the school year to parents and guardians with information about **cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus**, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. 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>

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IDEA
Individuals with
Disabilities Act



OSHA
Occupational Safety
and Health Administration
www.osha.gov



FERPA
HIPAA

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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

www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dhsr/ahc/clia/index.html#contact

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Occupational Health and Safety Act (OSHA)

- Requirements may be downloaded from http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/Directive_pdf/CPL_2-2_69.pdf
- **The Training Network NOW**
 - o NC Dept. of Labor Library free web-based training library
 - o 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 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

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School Health Recommendations

Other recommended policies include:

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

Please see the North Carolina School Health Program Manual Section C, Chapter 2, for more information.

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School Health Recommendations

Don't make assumptions - ask

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

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Resources

Guidance for Emergencies and School Health related topics...

- **NC School Health Program Manual**
<http://ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/lhd/manuals.htm>

- **Emergency Guidelines for Schools**
<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/EMS/pdf/kids/guidelines.pdf>

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