

School Health Information

Medications at School

If a student needs to take medicine during the school day, prescription or over-the-counter, parents will need to submit an **Authorization for Medication Form**. This form must be completed and signed by both the child's physician and the parent. This form must be updated each new school year as well as anytime the student's medication or dosage changes. The medication should be brought to school by the parent, in the original, labeled container. The medication and dosage must match the written physician's order. Medication will be administered by school staff that have been trained to administer medications to students. Students are not allowed to carry any medication with them on school property, unless it is an approved emergency medication. The approved emergency medications are: rescue inhalers for asthma, Epi-Pens for anaphylaxis, and insulin/Glucagon for diabetes.

If your child needs medication at school or for more information about medication policies and procedures, please contact the school nurse. You may pick up the Medication Authorization Form from the school office or you may download it [here](#).

Meeting Student Health Needs

In order to best care for children during the school day the school nurse should be aware of the health concerns that exist. Parents are asked to complete a **Student Health Information Form** upon enrollment. Parents will also be asked to complete this form at the beginning of each school year, in order to update health and contact information. Please contact the school nurse any time during the year when there are changes or newly developed health conditions.

The school nurse uses the information from the **Student Health Information Form** to identify students who need Care Plans/Emergency Action Plans during the school year. The plan tells the nurse and staff how to care for a student's medical condition during the school day. Examples of students who would need plans would be those with asthma, diabetes, seizure disorder, sickle cell disease, food or insect allergies, and more.

Immunization Requirements for School Attendance

North Carolina requires all students to provide proof of all up-to-date immunizations when enrolling in school. It is the parent's responsibility to provide this information. Please contact the school nurse if you have any questions or concerns. For more information go to: www.immunize.nc.org

Your child will have to provide proof of vaccination on the first day of school. Please remember to bring your child's shot record on or before the first day of school. This record may be obtained from his/her doctor or the local health department.

GS 130A-155. Submission of certificate to child care facility, preschool and school authorities; record maintenance; reporting.

- (a) **No child shall attend a school (pre K-12), whether public, private or religious, a child care facility as defined in G.S. 110-86(3), unless a certificate of immunization indicating that the child has received the immunizations required by G.S. 130A-152 is presented to the school or facility.** The parent, guardian, or responsible person must present a certificate of immunization on the child's first day of attendance to the principal of the school or operator of the facility, as defined in G.S. 110-86(7). If a certificate of immunization is not presented on the first day, the principal or operator shall present a notice of deficiency to the parent, guardian or responsible person. **The parent, guardian or responsible person shall have 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to obtain the required immunization for the child.** If the administration of vaccine in a series of doses given at medically approved intervals requires a period in excess of 30 calendar days, additional days upon certification by a physician may be allowed to obtain the required immunization. **Upon termination of 30 calendar days or the extended period, the principal or operator shall not permit the child to attend the school or facility unless the required immunization has been obtained.**

It is the responsibility of the parent to provide proof of immunization to the school.

Important Information for Parents with Children Entering 7th Grade

There are new immunization requirements for school entry beginning July 1, 2015. Children who start 7th grade on or after July 1, 2015, will be required to have vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to protect them from serious diseases. Students entering the 7th grade will be required to have one dose of each of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) and the meningococcal vaccines, if they have not previously received these vaccines.

New Health Assessment Requirement for All Students Entering N.C. Public Schools for the First Time:

State law requires that every child entering public schools in N.C. for the first time receive a health assessment. **This means if your child has never attended public school in the state of NC before they will need the Health Assessment completed.** The assessment must occur within 12 months prior to entering school. The medical provider, parent or guardian must provide a completed health assessment transmittal form to the principal of the school on or before the child's first day of attendance. Many local health departments and physicians across the state perform the assessment. To learn more about

the health assessment requirement, please go to:

<https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/families/kindergartenhealth.htm>

OR

http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/enactedlegislation/statutes/pdf/byarticle/chapter_130a/article_18.p

You may download the required health form here:

<https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/doc/aboutus/HAFORM2016.pdf>

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