

Policy 7500	Notifications Regarding Student Health
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This policy was adopted to meet compliance regulations specific to SB49 (2023) and North Carolina state law: N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-76.20.

Annual Notice of Health Care Services

Pine Lake Preparatory shall notify parents at the beginning of each school year of each health care service offered at the school, and the means for the parent to consent to applicable services.

Well-Being Questionnaires and Health Screenings

No well-being questionnaire or health screening shall be administered to a student in kindergarten through third grade without consent from the child's parent or legal guardian.

Prior to the administration to students in kindergarten through third grade, Pine Lake Preparatory shall provide a copy of any student well-being questionnaire or health screening form. The notice shall include the method for the parent to consent to use the questionnaire or form for his or her child.

Changes in Services

The principal or designee shall notify parents of any changes in services related to their child's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being or a change in the school's ability to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for the child. Such notice shall be provided prior to, or at least at the same time as the change is made.

Parental Involvement

Teachers and staff shall encourage children to discuss issues related to their well-being with their parents, and, when appropriate, shall provide resources or may facilitate discussions of such issues with a child's parents. In addition, the principal or designee shall notify parents before any changes are made to the names or pronouns used for their children in school records or by personnel. This does not apply to common nicknames or shortened versions of a child's first or middle name. (Such as using "Rob" for "Robert," or "Jane" for a child named "Sarah Jane").

No teacher or employee shall prohibit or encourage a child to withhold information about the child's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being, or changes in services related to the child's health, or well-being, from the child's parent.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit parents from accessing their child's health or education records, unless school personnel, in consultation with the principal and/or executive director, reasonably believe that such disclosure would result in the child being subject to abuse or neglect.

Compliance with state law regarding Instruction for Children in Grades K-4

Instruction on gender identity, sexual activity, or sexuality shall not be included in the curriculum provided in kindergarten through fourth grade, regardless of whether the information is provided by school personnel or third parties.

This policy does not prohibit teachers or school personnel from responding to student-initiated questions.

Consent for Instruction Regarding Reproductive Health

The school shall notify parents before providing instruction regarding reproductive health, including instruction regarding health and safety provided to students in seventh grade. Parents may opt-out (in writing) of this instruction by informing their child's classroom teacher.

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