**SCHOLAR HEALTH SERVICES** *Policy Code:* **6120**

1. **Student Health Services Generally**

The board will provide health services to scholars as required by law. School employees may administer drugs or medication prescribed by a doctor only upon the written request of the parents; give emergency health care when reasonably apparent circumstances indicate that any delay would seriously worsen the physical condition or endanger the life of the scholar; and perform any other first aid or lifesaving technique in which training has been provided to school employees.

The executive director may develop procedures for providing these health services and meeting the board requirements listed below.

1. The principal shall determine at the beginning of each school year prior to the beginning of classes, and thereafter as circumstances require, which employees will be selected to participate in the health services program. The principal shall inform staff about which health services duties are delegated to which employees.
2. Any employee designated to provide health care services must receive appropriate training.
3. Health manuals prepared by the governing state agencies must be followed in developing appropriate procedures and for determining which tasks must be performed by registered nurses.
4. Procedures must be consistent with all related board policies, including policy 4230, Communicable Diseases – Scholars, and policy 6125, Administering Medicines to Scholars.
5. Procedures must be consistent with state and federal law for scholars with disabilities, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities* will be followed, as applicable.
6. Procedures must be consistent with guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education under G.S. 115C-12(31) to serve scholars with diabetes, including developing and implementing individual diabetes care plans for such scholars and providing information and training to school personnel to appropriately support and assist such scholars, in accordance with their individual diabetes care plans.
7. Written information maintained by the school or school personnel regarding a scholar’s medicinal and health needs is confidential. Parents and scholars must be accorded all rights provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state confidentiality laws. Any employee who violates the confidentiality of the records may be subject to disciplinary action.
8. School personnel must obtain parental consent for medical services as required by law. Parents will be notified of their rights in accordance with policy 1310/4002, Parental Involvement.
9. Health professionals will be consulted in the development of health services. Opportunities also will be provided for input from staff, parents, and scholars on the health services provided.
10. **School System Mental Health Plan**

The executive director shall develop a school-based mental health plan that includes a mental health training program and suicide risk referral protocol that satisfies the requirements of State Board of Education Policy [SHLT-003](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=pol&loc=nc&id=shlt-003&).  The executive director shall submit the plan to the board for approval and direct implementation of the plan within all applicable deadlines.5

By September 15 of each year, the executive director shall report to the Department of Public Instruction on (1) the content of the school’s mental health plan, including the mental health training program and suicide risk referral protocol, and (2) the school system’s prior school year compliance with the requirements of State Board of Education Policy [SHLT-003](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=pol&loc=nc&id=shlt-003&).  The board will review the components of the school’s mental health plan at least every five years, starting August 1, 2025, and will update the mental health plan in accordance with any updated requirements provided by the State Board of Education.

Legal References:  Americans with Disabilities Act, [42 U.S.C. 12134](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=usc&loc=us&id=42-12134&), [28 C.F.R. pt. 35](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=cfr&loc=us&id=28&spec=35); Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, [20 U.S.C. 1232g](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=usc&loc=us&id=20-1232g&); Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, [20 U.S.C. 1400](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=usc&loc=us&id=20-1400&) *et seq.*, [34 C.F.R. pt. 300](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=cfr&loc=us&id=34&spec=300); Rehabilitation Act of 1973, [29 U.S.C. 705](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=usc&loc=us&id=29-705&)(20), [-794](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=usc&loc=us&id=29-794&), [34 C.F.R. pt. 104](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=cfr&loc=us&id=34&spec=104); [G.S. 115C-12](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=12)(12), [-12](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=12)(31), [-36](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=36), [-307](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=307)(c), [-375.1](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=375.1), [-375.3](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=375.3), [-376.5](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=stat&loc=nc&id=115c&spec=376.5); [16 N.C.A.C. 6D .0402](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=code&loc=nc&id=16&spec=6d.0402); [21 N.C.A.C. 36 .0221](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=code&loc=nc&id=21&spec=36.0221), [.0224](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=code&loc=nc&id=21&spec=36.0224); *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policies [EXCP-000](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=pol&loc=nc&id=excp-000&), [SHLT-003](http://redirector.microscribepub.com/?cat=pol&loc=nc&id=shlt-003&)

Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002), Communicable Diseases – Scholars (policy 4230), Scholar Records (policy 4700), Administering Medicines to Scholars (policy 6125)

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