

## 6120-R Student Health Services

In accordance with NC State Board of Education policy #04A107, Haywood County Schools will ensure that a registered nurse is available for the assessment, care planning, and ongoing evaluation of students with special health care needs. School nurses will provide training of appropriate staff identified by the school nurse and school administrator for routine medical procedures and direct monitoring and services necessary for urgent/emergency interventions. The school nurse shall delegate health care tasks and procedures according to his/her professional judgment in compliance with North Carolina Nursing Practice Act.

1. Students with special health care needs shall be referred to the school nurse. Parents, teachers, and administrators are responsible for notifying the school nurse when students with special health care needs enroll in school. The school nurse shall obtain any additional information required to assess the student's health care needs while at school.
2. Assessment of the health condition shall include consultation with the student's parent/guardian, health care provider, and the student when appropriate. The school nurse will develop a Plan of Care based upon the assessment data which is reviewed at least annually and updated as needed.
3. The school nurse is responsible for teaching monitoring procedures performed by the Haywood County School staff and for evaluating the student's response to care. The school nurse will develop a system for documentation of procedures performed by staff and the training and supervision provided by the nurse. Designated school personnel shall keep a daily log documenting care given and the student's response to care.
4. The school nurse shall instruct students in self-management of their health care in accordance with the Plan of Care, when appropriate to do so.
5. The school nurse shall assist in coordinating health care services by acting as a liaison with the student's health care provider, student, parent/guardian, and school personnel. In order to be effective in this capacity, the school nurse shall participate in IEP, Care team, and other meetings in which student performance/ progress is discussed/ evaluated. The school shall notify the school nurse when these meetings are scheduled so the nurse has time to evaluate the need for his/her services prior to the meeting.
6. School personnel shall be made aware of the existence of health problems for purposes of emergency care as well as for daily care for particular students. In-service training shall be

provided to staff annually and as necessary to instruct them in types of emergency care that may be needed during school hours. Underlying this involvement of the regular education personnel shall be an understanding of their informed choice to participate and related release from liability offered by school law.

7. The school shall follow physician's request for management and care of student's health condition in the classroom, any area of school grounds, or at any school related activity or event. On the advice of medical professionals, Haywood County Schools may refuse to administer any medication or treatment deemed unsafe in the school setting. Prior to determining a medication/treatment is unsafe, the school health official making the determination should contact the student's physician to discuss the medication/treatment. School health officials, school administrators, the student's physician and parents should work together to identify an alternative medication/treatment that is safe in the school setting.
8. The school nurse is responsible for maintaining confidentiality/ privacy of medical records required by HCHSA under HIPPA guidelines as well as maintaining school health records under FERPA guidelines.