

## Health Information

### **Medications:**

Students who have asthma, diabetes, an allergy, or a chronic condition that requires or may require medication at school must submit the completed form to the school office. The form needs to be completed and signed by a physician. [Medicine Form found here](#)

### **Required Vaccinations:**

North Carolina law requires all rising 12 graders to receive a Meningococcal vaccine booster before starting 12th grade. Parents will need to provide a copy of their child's immunization record showing proof that the vaccine has been completed. Failure to provide the records within 30 calendar days of the 1st day of school will result in an out of school suspension until the immunization record has been turned in.

North Carolina law requires all rising 7th graders to receive a Tdap and a Meningococcal conjugate vaccine. Parents will need to provide a copy of their child's immunization record showing proof that the vaccine has been completed. Failure to provide the records within 30 calendar days of the 1st day of school will result in an out of school suspension until the immunization record has been turned in.

## **State-Required Health Information**

North Carolina law requires our school to inform parents and students about certain health-related issues. We have included the text of the law below to help you understand your rights and our obligations. The website links listed below will direct you to additional information. We encourage you to have discussions with your students to help them understand the law, the issues, and the information.

### **NC General Statute 115C-218.75**

*Chapter 115C Article 14A Charter Schools 115C-218.75 General operating requirements. (a) Health and Safety Standards. – A charter school shall meet the same health and safety requirements required of a local school administrative unit. The Department of Public Instruction shall ensure that charter schools provide parents and guardians with 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.*

*The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide parents and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information shall be provided at the beginning of the school year to parents of children entering grades five through 12. 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 where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children.*

*The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide students in grades seven through 12 with information annually on the preventable risks for preterm birth in subsequent pregnancies, including induced abortion, smoking, alcohol consumption, the use of illicit drugs, and inadequate prenatal care.*

*The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide students in grades nine through 12 with information annually on the manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby with a responsible person, in accordance with G.S. 7B-500.*

## **Please see the information below:**

### **Meningitis:**

[NCDHHS Information on Meningococcal Disease](#)

[Meningococcal Disease - North Carolina Immunization Branch](#)

### **Influenza:**

[Division of Public Health- Influenza](#)

[The Flu: A Guide for Parents - CDC](#)

### **7th grade Vaccine Sheet:**

[Do you have a child about to enter the 7th grade?](#)

[NC Back to School Immunization Requirements](#)

### **12th grade Vaccine Sheet:**

[NC Back to School Immunization Requirements \(12th\)](#)

### **Cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, Human Papillomavirus (HPV):**

<https://immunization.dph.ncdhhs.gov/family/vaccines/hpv.htm>

[NC DPH, WCH: Immunization Branch](#)

For more information about immunization and vaccine-preventable diseases visit [www.immunize.nc.gov](http://www.immunize.nc.gov).

### **Preventable risks for preterm birth**

[CDC information on Preterm Birth](#)

### **Safe Surrender Laws**

[NCDHHS information on Safe Surrender \(Surrender Newborns Safely\)](#)