

All new employees, as well as employees who have been separated from public school employment for more than a year or who have been absent for more than 40 successive school days because of a communicable disease, must provide a fully completed health certificate. Such certificate must be prepared by:

1. A physician licensed to practice in North Carolina;
2. A nurse practitioner approved pursuant to state law; or
3. A physician's assistant licensed to practice in North Carolina.

A new employee who has not previously been employed in a public school in North Carolina may provide a certificate prepared by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant who holds a current unrestricted license or registration in another state, so long as evidence of that license or registration is on the certificate. Such certificate must certify that the employee does not have tuberculosis in the communicable form; any other communicable disease; or any disease, physical or mental, that would impair the ability of the individual to perform effectively in his or her duties. The board or superintendent may require any individual covered by this policy to have a physical examination when deemed necessary.

Health certificates will be maintained in separate, confidential medical files in the human resources office.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-323

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