

***Brunswick County Schools: Parents’ Guide Student Physical and Mental Health***

[**Based on Parents’ Bill of Rights - SB 49; Session Law 2023-106**](https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2023/Bills/Senate/PDF/S49v4.pdf)

**Annual Notification**

Brunswick County Schools strives to create an equitable learning environment for all students using a comprehensive system of support for academic and character-focused teaching. The district acknowledges the unique needs of every learner as our schools work to provide educational programming based on the needs of all of our students. Through student support services, parent engagement and community partnerships, the district fosters an inclusive learning environment that recognizes the value of all students in our community of learners. We hope you find this tool helpful in supporting your student’s physical and mental health while enrolled in Brunswick County Schools. If printed copies of any part of the plan are needed, please contact Central Services at 910-782-5054

| **Section Requirements** | **Response** |
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| **What health services are offered at my child’s school and how do I provide consent?** | Brunswick County Schools health services are administered according to Brunswick County Schools: School Board policy. The Board will provide health services to students as required by law. State law authorizes school employees to administer medication prescribed by a health care practitioner upon written request from the parent and health care practitioner as specified by the Brunswick County Schools medication permission form, which must be completed and signed by the health care practitioner and parent. School employees may give emergency health care when reasonably apparent circumstances indicate that any delay would seriously worsen the physical condition or endanger the life of the student; and perform any other first aid or life saving technique in which training has been provided to school employees. A registered nurse will be available to provide assessment, care planning and ongoing evaluation of students with special health care service needs in the school setting. Written parent permission is not required for these services.  Policies relevant to governing healthcare practices in our school are noted as follows:   * [Policy Code: 1310/4002 Parental Involvement](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick#&&hs=141453) * [Policy Code: 6120 Student Health Services](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick#&&hs=141663) * [Policy Code: 6125 Administering Medicines to Students](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick#&&hs=141664) * [Policy Code: 6126 Student Self-Administration of Emergency Medication](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick#&&hs=141665) * [Policy Code 6140: Student Wellness)](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick#&&hs=141668)   Brunswick County Schools provides student support for Chronic Illness Management. Chronic Illness Management requires parental consent. District parent consent forms are noted as follows:   * Provision of health services as ordered by physician   + [Letter to Parent: Request for Medical Information](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FgRpNjZR6k7Qeu04g-2feIALq01j7pkwD_xQfV9ijqA/edit?usp=sharing)   + [BCS Authorization for Release of Records/Information-English](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V5JsYMFIoLcV0hHk1WR8ZXb2IqyP0j3W/view?usp=sharing)   + [BCS Authorization for Release of Records/Information-Spanish](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p0qB8SzlXOTbnZCpXw1JlZdbzTjaQ23RH9klOCNKE1U/edit?usp=sharing) * Individual Health Plans   + [Individual Health Care Plan](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11mZn-xE_ey3qO7zcADFnLRuOw6GMS6sI/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109231026898936092251&rtpof=true&sd=true)   + [Specialized Health Care Procedures](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X0AlAewUo5hRYr05vem3GbJGODZpRWVj/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109231026898936092251&rtpof=true&sd=true)     - G-Tube Feedings     - Catheterization * Emergency Action Plans   + [Allergy: Emergency Action Plan](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uJHUPSXZTs8DrOhBSQqGMl8Qro_pUcoGOc2ofjee7xw/edit?usp=sharing)   + [Asthma: Emergency Action Plan](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CUlh00xjQY2kIcU7-mG-z7sto6rJD7Uq17-2gXeWLcI/edit?usp=sharing)   + [Seizure-Emergency Action Plan](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WShypHJMjFGqr8HLxS7yzUrH3DgghFNFMJ4Oj9XU2Xc/edit?usp=sharing)   + [Pregnancy-Emergency Action Plan](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1997uzDhxutAdDSI0VndMPwJOVpTIJomY/view?usp=sharing)   + [Various Health Conditions: Emergency Action Plan](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-XfvSO9j42Gp5-FnfzAe8byHlsHqbzVJRXaoAL6S8xo/edit?usp=sharing)   + [Sickle Cell Individual Health Care Plan](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13BksBFuOkKsThuAOaHmSmBFXHDRMCmt8/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109231026898936092251&rtpof=true&sd=true)   + [Heart Condition Health: Emergency Action Plan](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I21jCrmZKzdSlQ7GEOcJK5oub7Odqn_0/view?usp=sharing) * Medication Management   + [Physicians Authorization for Medication at School](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pW_6AoUWXkahr6twSpJ7JPz2X8cbNOUZg_2_yNSzElk/edit?usp=sharing)   + [Student Agreement for Self-Carried Medication](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A9mDKJi8qz44LJh5aOM_YV2M2fFmBaQm/view?usp=sharing) * Diabetic Care Management Plan-Provided by the treating Physician * Diet Order   + [Diet Order Form](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NOTPuyyZEavf3kJ5aWoiKigVswLMX_57/view?usp=sharing)   For assistance with your child's physical health needs, contact your child’s School Nurse. |
| **How will my child’s vision be screened?** | Vision screenings occur through a variety of district processes. In Brunswick County Schools, a student may be screened as part of mass vision screening clinics through Lions’ Club, Individual Student Team (IST), 504, or Exceptional Children. Parent permission forms will be provided based on the vision screening purpose.   * [BCS:Vision Screening-Parent Request English](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PUS7VOUJtgO2sfG56leEYglNYZ9svgxh/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116942068776912450691&rtpof=true&sd=true) * [BCS: Vision Screening Parent Consent-Spanish](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vc4egJ8ckP8BakkT30WvBAYTBecYO5HO/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116942068776912450691&rtpof=true&sd=true) * [IST Parent Permission to Screen-English](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tWPk14GF6TQrJlrrLLYAUfZt83-B3cLVx8eiR-SqnnU/edit?usp=sharing) * [IST Parent Permission to Screen-Spanish](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bNCnuB-YJv1HpznECtKddm9IHWHHDbHfEG-2yoNAPHk/edit?usp=sharing) * [Lion's Club Parent Permission to Screen-English](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PUS7VOUJtgO2sfG56leEYglNYZ9svgxh/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116942068776912450691&rtpof=true&sd=true) * [Lion's Club Parent Permission to Screen-Spanish](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vc4egJ8ckP8BakkT30WvBAYTBecYO5HO/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116942068776912450691&rtpof=true&sd=true) * Exceptional Children and 504 Parent Permission to Evaluate are provided during official EC or 504 team meetings. |
| **How will my child’s hearing be screened?** | Hearing screenings occur through a variety of district processes. In Brunswick County Schools, a student may be screened as part of mass hearing screening clinics through the Brunswick County Schools Audiologist and Speech/Language Service providers, Individual Student Team (IST), 504, or Exceptional Children. Parent permission forms will be provided based on the hearing screening purpose.   * [BCS:K-3 Hearing Screening Parent Permission-English and Spanish](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jZyoG5zvqnsEDZdKXbIo5A7iRBZwSCEsbUps5gzduYA/edit?usp=sharing) * [IST Parent Permission to Screen-English](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tWPk14GF6TQrJlrrLLYAUfZt83-B3cLVx8eiR-SqnnU/edit?usp=sharing) * [IST Parent Permission to Screen-Spanish](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bNCnuB-YJv1HpznECtKddm9IHWHHDbHfEG-2yoNAPHk/edit?usp=sharing) * Exceptional Children and 504 Parent Permission to Evaluate are provided during official EC or 504 team meetings. |
| **How will my child’s dental needs be screened?** | Mass Dental screenings of Kindergarten students occurs through the [NC Department of Health and Human Services- Oral Health Division](https://www.dph.ncdhhs.gov/programs/oral-health/about-nc-oral-health). Schools are chosen in a random statewide sample from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) to provide a free dental screening to kindergarten students. In order for your child to participate in the dental screening a Parent/Guardian must provide written consent. Students without a signed consent will not be screened. If your Kindergarten child’s school participates in this screening, information will be communicated to you.   * [Dental Screening-English Form](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r4aSoXXyuszasLfwtSPVjYYCBtxGqeuu/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116942068776912450691&rtpof=true&sd=true) * [Dental Screening-Spanish Form](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aabCUSZFkKqJlMV1Vt3GUeYq2WcTPBTL/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116942068776912450691&rtpof=true&sd=true)   If the school nurse observes a dental problem, the parent/guardian will be notified and the school nurse will assist with connected families with resources, if needed. |
| **What are the immunizations needed or recommended for children?** | **Immunizations:**   * [Brunswick County Schools: Immunization Requirement Quick Reference](https://www.bcswan.net/Page/3043)   The following are statutory school entry requirements, this includes required immunizations:  Admission requirements: [GS\_115C-364.pdf (ncleg.gov)](https://ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_115C/GS_115C-364.pdf)   * Immunization records: [GS\_130A-155.pdf (ncleg.gov)](https://ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_130A/GS_130A-155.pdf) * Immunization requirements: [GS\_130A-152.pdf (ncleg.gov)](https://ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_130A/GS_130A-152.pdf) (\*this law was amended but is not reflected on the current GA page; see [SL2023-134.pdf (ncleg.gov)](https://ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/SessionLaws/PDF/2023-2024/SL2023-134.pdf), Section 5.8(e) on page 64”)   Information on required health assessments and immunizations for students are available through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS).  NCDHHS [Immunizations](https://immunize.nc.gov/schools/resourcesforschools.htm) Resources   * Recommended Immunization Schedules   + [Kindergarten Entry Vaccine Requirements](https://immunization.dph.ncdhhs.gov/schools/pdf/k_school_vaccine.pdf)   + [Seventh Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](https://immunization.dph.ncdhhs.gov/schools/pdf/7th_grade_school_vaccine.pdf)   + [Twelfth Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements](https://immunization.dph.ncdhhs.gov/schools/pdf/12th_grade_school_vaccine.pdf) |
| **What if my child needs a flu shot or immunization?** | Immunization clinics in Brunswick County Schools are provided by Brunswick County Health Services.  Flu immunization clinics will occur at all Brunswick County Schools in the fall. Immunization permission forms must be completed by the parent/guardian prior to administration of the immunization.  Adolescent immunization clinics will occur at all Brunswick County Middle and High Schools in the fall for 7th and 12th grade students and in the spring for rising 7th and 12th grader students. Immunization permission forms must be completed by the parent/guardian prior to administration of the immunization.  For questions about flu shots and immunizations, contact your child’s School Nurse. |
| **What if my child needs school-based mental health services?** | Brunswick County Schools has partnered with Coastal Horizons and Novant Health to provide school based mental health services. Services are available by licensed clinical therapists at all BCS elementary, middle and high schools by referral to treat behavioral health conditions. There is no out of pocket cost. If available, Medicaid is billed. Referrals for school-based mental health services are made in conjunction with the parent through At-Risk Teams, IST Teams, IEP Teams and 504 Teams. For more information about the school-based mental health program, contact the school's school counselor. School based mental health services require written parental consent. |
| **How can my child receive support for social/emotional and/or behavioral needs in the school setting?** | Brunswick County Schools strives to create an equitable learning environment for all students by utilizing character-focused teaching. Through student support services, parent engagement and community partnerships, the district fosters an inclusive learning environment that recognizes the value of all students in our community of learners.  Brunswick County School Student Services personnel to include School Counselors, School Psychologists, School Social Workers, Behavior Specialists and Graduation Coaches provide character-focused teaching for all students as part of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Student Services Personnel serve as a resource for students and families to support character education.  When students are in need of targeted social/emotional and/or behavioral support, referrals are made in conjunction with the parent through parent conferences, At-Risk Teams, IST Teams, IEP Teams and 504 Teams. For more information about character-focused programming, contact your child's School Counselor. School based social/emotional and/or behavioral supports that extend beyond the core curriculum require written parental consent. |
| **How can a parent help their child develop citizenship, social skills and respect for others?** | Brunswick County Schools will embed Portrait of a Graduate skills in many classroom settings. These durable skills were developed by NCDPI and will support a child’s understanding of citizenship, social skills and respect for others. Grade level specific resources, including developmentally appropriate milestones can be found in the following resource repository  [NC Portrait of a Graduate - Durable Skills](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/statesuperintendent/portrait-graduate/open).  **Parent Resources**   * [Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports: Family Resources](https://www.pbis.org/resource/family-resources) * [Brunswick County Schools Bullying Incident Reporting](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1szuouGgDwDnz5HSeWf_3551ckuwizP351if8ca7NgNc/edit?usp=sharing) * [NC DPI Character Education (Parent Resources)](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/academic-standards/programs-and-initiatives/character-education) |
| **What services are available for parents and their children?** | Multi-tiered services for academics and behavior/social development   * At-Risk Intervention Plans * Individual Student Team   Programs offered to High School Students (Academics/Career Planning) - Brunswick County Schools  Course Selection Guide for 2024-2025 *(*[*English*](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p4sWWgG6_DPiHzzslbPayfGRYLEJoyoriQGBBMRpxGI/edit)*,* [*Spanish*](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vX41hBuwAlv545UGv38_oqsM0r7oD0OBVa8UrjSnR9w/edit?usp=drive_link)*)*   * Character Education   + Elementary - Harmony, Second Step   + Middle - Second Step   + Restorative Practices through EverFi   Tutoring:  [NCVPS EdVantage Tutoring](https://ncvps.org/edvantage-tutoring/) offers virtual statewide wraparound support to middle and high school students in NC public schools. Tutoring is available in Math, Science and ELA, and is offered via a personalized partnership with district/school leadership to best meet the needs of selected students each semester. |
| **What if my child wants to go by a nickname that is different from their legal name?** | Under [Senate Bill 49: The Parent Bill of Rights](https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2023/Bills/Senate/PDF/S49v4.pdf), (pg 7) we must notify you if your child requests staff call them by a name other than the legal name you provided during registration. The **Legal Name** is defined as a person's name on the legal birth certificate or a name that has been declared the person's name by a court.  Students may wish to go by a nickname that is different from their legal first name. Example, a student’s legal name may be John Thomas Smith; however, the nickname may be Tom or J.T.  When initially enrolling in Brunswick County Schools, the legal name must be entered as it appears on a legal document; i.e., official birth certificate.  If your child wants to use a nickname that is different from their legal first name, please complete the following form and submit the form to the data manager at your child’s school.   * [Nickname Notification Form](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S2FNuCNOL0gtCpd2z327ghM0-v_uirVObtpkXXpvUdk/edit?usp=sharing) |
| **What if my child wants to go by a preferred name that is different from their legal first name?** | When initially enrolling in Brunswick County Schools, the legal name and preferred name must be entered as it appears on a legal document; i.e., official birth certificate. Preferred Name may be changed at the request of the parent/guardian or the student with parent/guardian consent.  Preferred Names must be free of special characters such as parentheses, emojis, or double quotes and cannot violate the Brunswick County Schools Student Code of Conduct.  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 school personnel.  If your child wants to use a preferred name that is different from their legal first name, please complete the following form and submit the form to the data manager at your child’s school.   * [Student Preferred Name Authorization Form](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fye0rCw4A3F1GqW6OamgzGzjw6CxoBgTZzCLEm_U1W4/edit) |
| **What if my child is experiencing homelessness?** | Students experiencing one of the following living situations are protected under the McKinney-Vento Act and [Policy 4125](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick&s=141577):   * Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence * Live in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds * Live in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, substandard buildings, bus or train stations, or similar settings * Share housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardships, or a similar reason ("doubling up")   Students who are identified as homeless have the right to immediate enrollment, eligibility for the nutrition program without cost; and may receive tutoring, extended transportation, and other services as needed and/or as offered at designated school sites.  Brunswick County Schools has an assigned liaison in each school to assist with training staff and to provide information to parents and guardians to support the identification and enrollment of homeless students. |
| **What rights do students with disabilities have based on the law?** | For students suspected of or identified with a disability by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the following links provide important information regarding the procedural safeguards available to ensure a free, appropriate, public education.  [**Brunswick County Schools: Exceptional Children**](https://www.bcswan.net/Domain/315)  **Child Find**   * [Brunswick County Schools: Child Find](https://www.bcswan.net/Page/1111) * [Project Child Find](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/policies-procedures#ProjectChildFind-6083)   **Parent Rights and Responsibilities in Special Education**   * [Parent Rights Handbook](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/parent-rights-handbook/download?attachment) * [Parent Rights Handbook (Spanish)](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/parent-rights-handbook-spanish/download?attachment) * [IDEA Dispute Resolution](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/dispute-resolution)   **Surrogate Parents**   * [Special Education Surrogate Parents](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/policies-procedures#SpecialEducationSurrogateParents-6084)   **Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center (ECAC)**   * [ECAC](https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/parents-and-families/)   **Brunswick County Schools Policy**   * [Policy Code: 3520 Special Education Programs/Rights of Students with Disabilities](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick#&&hs=141553) * [Policy Code: 4307 Disciplinary Action for Exceptional Children/Students with Disabilities](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick#&&hs=141601) * [Policy Code: 4700 Student Records](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick#&&hs=141628) |
| **Where can I find information about how Brunswick County Schools addresses student surveys?** | The Brunswick County Schools survey of students policy can be found at the following link:[**Policy Code: 4720 Surveys of Students**](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick#&&hs=141631) |
| **What training is provided to student support services?** | Brunswick County Schools provides student support services training to school system personnel that adheres to student services guidelines, standards, and frameworks established by the Department of Public Instruction.  Brunswick County Schools provides the following student support services training:  [**Brunswick County Schools District Training Plan**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cfhx8OUZyq3oDMpaEFhqZVN-hdsKnU72KKoBMcGEgzw/edit?usp=sharing) |
| **What do I do if I have a compliment or a concern related to my child’s health?** | The [Submit a Compliment or a Concern](https://www.bcswan.net/Page/2921) form should be used to address concerns, complaints, or compliments as specified in [Senate Bill 49- Parents Bill of Rights](https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2023/Bills/Senate/PDF/S49v4.pdf) and[Policy Code: 1742/5060 Responding to Complaints](https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=brunswick#&&hs=141467). You will receive a response within 48 business hours of submission. If you need assistance in completing the form, please call 910-406-5100 and an administrative assistant will help you. |
| **What is the contact information for the schools and district office?** | School contact information can be found [HERE](https://www.bcswan.net/domain/53)  District contact information can be found [HERE](https://www.bcswan.net/site/Default.aspx?PageType=1&SiteID=4&ChannelID=47&DirectoryType=6) |