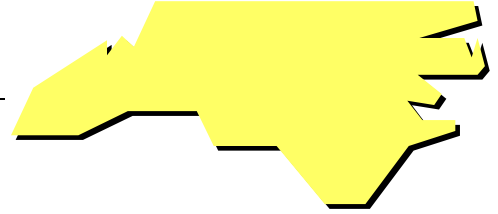


# NORTH CAROLINA

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## ACCREDITATION, LICENSING & APPROVAL

### **Applies to all private schools**

- Any new school must send the state a notice of intent to operate, including the name and address of the school and the school's owner and chief administrator.

## TRANSPARENCY & REPORTING

### **Applies to all private schools**

- Each private school must maintain annual attendance and immunization records for each student enrolled and regularly attending classes.
- Each school must maintain records of the progress achieved by its students on mandatory tests (see below). Records must be made available at the school's main office for annual inspection for a year after the test.

## CURRICULUM & ACADEMICS

### **Applies to all private schools**

- Each private school must annually administer a nationally standardized test or other nationally standardized equivalent measurement to all students in grades three, six and nine. The test must measure achievement in the areas of English grammar, reading, spelling and mathematics.
- Each private school must annually administer a nationally standardized test or other nationally standardized equivalent measure to all students in grade 11. The test must measure verbal and quantitative skills. Each private school must establish minimum scores that must be attained for a student to graduate from high school.
- Private schools must operate on a regular schedule for at least nine calendar months each year, excluding reasonable holidays and vacations.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### **Applies to all private schools**

- Each school is subject to reasonable fire, health and safety inspections by state, county and municipal authorities.
- Private schools must conduct at least one fire drill every month during the regular school session in each building where students are assembled. Fire drills must include all students and teachers, use various routes, and simulate evacuation under various conditions.
- All private school students must present documentation of immunization before enrolling in school. Parents have 30 days from the first day of school to obtain the required immunization for the student. Exemptions for religious reasons are permitted.
- Any private school with shops or laboratories providing instructional or experimental programs where eye hazards are present must provide without charge and require the use of industrial-quality eye-protective devices at all times during any such program.
- The state Department of Justice may provide private schools with a criminal record check for employees and applicants, if the employee or applicant consents.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Any private school may participate in any state-operated or state-sponsored program, including but not limited to statewide testing programs.
- Private school property is exempt from state and local taxation.
- Food sold on a not-for-profit basis by private school cafeterias during the regular school day is exempt from state retail sales tax.



This list was compiled by the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice based on publicly available laws and regulations. In each state we sought the assistance of the state's Department of Education in ensuring the accuracy of our information. However, given the enormous volume of relevant laws and regulations, some errors or omissions may still occur. The Friedman Foundation welcomes suggestions for corrections or additions to this list. For more information on the regulation of private schools, see "Fifty Educational Markets: State Laws and Regulations Governing Private Schools" by Friedman Foundation Senior Fellow Chris Hammons.