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## Charter School Performance Compact: Health and Safety

Charter schools must comply with all applicable laws and regulations affecting the health and safety of students, including Bulletin 741, Bulletin 1508, and LA R.S. 17:211, R.S. 12:28, R.S. 17:3996

### Healthy and Safety Requirements

<b>Schools Conduct Vision and Hearing Screenings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vision and hearing screenings of grade levels pre-k, kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th</li><li>• Vision and hearing screenings for students referred for special education evaluation</li><li>• Parents must be notified of results</li><li>• Requirements: Bulletin 741 - §1119, Bulletin 1508, and LA R.S. 17:2111</li></ul>
<b>Schools Provide Access to Registered Nurse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schools must provide access to a registered and certified school nurse.</li><li>• Certified school nurses are responsible for performing health care services as may be required by state law, guidelines established by the Department of Education, or both, provided these services comply with the rules and regulations as established by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.</li></ul> <p>According to R.S. 17:28 and BESE policy, certification is required for employment as a nurse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three types of certification are available<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ School Nurse – Type A (valid for life with continuous service)</li><li>○ School Nurse – Type B (valid for 5 years)</li><li>○ School Nurse – Type C (valid for 3 years)</li></ul></li><li>• Guidelines and applications for school nurse/ancillary certification are available at the following link: <a href="http://www.louisianaschools.net/lde/uploads/11203.pdf">http://www.louisianaschools.net/lde/uploads/11203.pdf</a></li></ul>

### Health Initiatives

Charter schools are NOT exempt from adolescent health initiatives and school health centers, hearing and vision screens, immunizations and health records, and communicable disease prevention (R.S. 17:3996).

This informational document is a general guide to inform schools of basic requirements. It is NOT a substitute for federal, state guidelines and/or the appropriate state and local policies. Please visit the websites above for more information or contact the Office of Portfolio with questions.