

Former North Carolina General Statutes
1955-1979

Chapter 115 -- Education
Article 32. Non-Public Schools

115-255. Responsibility of State Board of Education to supervise non-public schools; notice of intention to operate new school. -- The State Board of Education, while providing a general and uniform system of education in the public schools of the State, shall always protect the right of every parent to have his children attend a non-public school by regulating and supervising all non-public schools serving children of secondary school age, or younger, to the end that all children shall become citizens who possess certain basic competencies necessary to properly discharge the responsibilities of American citizenship. The Board shall not, in its regulation of such non-public schools, interfere with any religious instruction which may be given in any private, denominational, or parochial school, but such non-public school shall meet the State minimum standards as prescribed in the course of study, and the children therein shall be taught the branches of education which are taught to the children of corresponding age and grade in the public schools and such instruction, except courses in foreign languages, shall be given in the English language.

New nonpublic schools shall file a notice of intention to operate a new school with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction prior to beginning of operation. (1955, c. 1372, art. 31, s. 1; 1965, c. 584, s. 20.)

115-256. Teachers must have certificates for grades they teach; instruction given must substantially equal that given in public schools. -- All non-public schools in the State and all teachers employed or who give instruction therein, shall be subject to and governed by the provisions of law for the operation of the public schools insofar as they apply to the qualifications and certification of teachers and the promotion of pupils; and the instruction given in such schools shall be graded in the same way and shall have courses of study for each grade conducted therein substantially the same as those given in the public schools where children would attend in the absence of such non-public school.

No person shall be employed to teach in a non-public school who has not obtained a teacher's certificate entitling such teacher to teach corresponding courses or classes in public schools. (1955, c. 1372, art. 31, s. 2.)

115-257. Operators must report certain information. -- The supervisory officer or teacher of all non-public schools shall report to the superintendent of the administrative unit in which such school is located within two weeks of the opening of such school, and within two weeks of the enrollment therein, the names of all pupils attending, their ages, parents' or guardians' names, and places of residence. Likewise, such officer or teacher shall report to such superintendent the withdrawal of any pupil within two weeks of such withdrawal. The supervisory officer or teacher of non-public schools shall make such reports as may be required of him by the State Board of Education, or such additional reports as are requested by the superintendent of the administrative unit in which such school is located; and he shall furnish to any court from time to time any information and reports requested by any judge thereof relating to the attendance, conduct and standing of any pupil enrolled in such school if said pupil is at the time awaiting examination or trial by the court or is under the supervision of the court. (1955, c. 1372, art. 31, s. 3.)

NOTE: The addition of the second paragraph in section 115-255 was the only change made in 1965.