



# Health Policy Brief

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## Health services in schools

### Summary of school health service requirements under Ohio law

Ohio law	Type of health services required	Description (as it relates to school health services)
<b>ORC 3313.539</b>	Concussions and school athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits boards of education/school districts/governing authorities of chartered schools from allowing students to participate in school athletics until a concussion and head injury information sheet is signed by each parent/guardian and returned to the school</li> <li>Prohibits boards of education/school districts/governing authorities from permitting individuals to coach or referee school athletics unless the coach/referee has been trained in recognizing the symptoms of concussions</li> </ul>
<b>ORC 3313.60</b>	Academic health-related curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires boards of education/school districts to include instruction in nutrition, drugs/drug abuse, venereal disease (parents may opt out), personal safety/dating violence and first aid and physical education in their prescribed curriculums</li> </ul>
<b>ORC 3313.6021, 3313.6023, 3313.717, 3701.85, 3313.815</b>	Automated external defibrillator and Heimlich maneuver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires boards of education to train high school students and all staff in the use of an automated external defibrillator, and enables boards of education/governing authorities of chartered schools to require the placement of defibrillators in all schools under their control</li> <li>Requires boards of education/governing authorities who possess defibrillators to encourage expected users to complete a course in automated external defibrillation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation</li> <li>Requires boards of education/governing authorities who possess defibrillators to maintain and test the defibrillator according to the manufacturer's guidelines</li> <li>Requires school districts/nonpublic schools that operate a food service program to place at least one employee who has been trained in the Heimlich maneuver in the lunch room while students are eating</li> </ul>
<b>ORC 3313.67 and 3313.671</b>	Student immunizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires boards of education/school districts to maintain immunization records for students</li> <li>Enables boards of education to secure access to immunization services for students</li> </ul>
<b>ORC 3313.673</b>	Screening for special learning needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires boards of education to facilitate student screenings for hearing, vision and speech challenges, developmental disorders and other health issues</li> <li>Requires boards of education to conduct further assessment if a special learning need is discovered</li> </ul>

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ORC 3313.674	Body mass index and weight screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enables boards of education/school districts/governing authorities of chartered schools to facilitate student screenings for body mass index and weight status category</li> <li>• Requires boards of education/governing authorities to inform parents about the screening program so that parents may opt out</li> </ul>
ORC 3313.68, 3313.72, 3313.721	Employing physicians, dentists and nurses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enables boards of education/school districts to employ licensed physicians, dentists and nurses, either alone or in partnership with other districts</li> <li>• Enables boards of education/school districts to provide remedial or corrective dental treatment for children whose parents cannot provide the same</li> <li>• Enables boards of education/school districts to contract with health districts, hospitals, federal qualified health centers or other licensed healthcare providers to provide school physician, dentist or nurse services</li> </ul>
ORC 3313.69	Hearing and visual tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires healthcare providers employed by boards of education to screen students for hearing and vision challenges</li> </ul>
ORC 3313.7110, 3313.7111, 3314.143, 3326.28, 3328.29	Procurement of epinephrine autoinjectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enables boards of education/school districts/governing authorities of chartered schools, community schools, STEM schools and college-preparatory boarding schools to obtain epinephrine autoinjectors for each school under their control</li> <li>• Requires boards of education/school districts/governing authorities who have chosen to obtain epinephrine autoinjectors to adopt a policy, in consultation with a licensed health professional with prescribing authority, for their maintenance and use</li> </ul>
ORC 3313.7112	Diabetes care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires boards of education/school districts/governing authorities of chartered schools to ensure that students with diabetes receive appropriate care (e.g., checking, recording and responding to blood glucose levels during the school day)</li> <li>• Enables boards of education/school districts/governing authorities to train school employees on diabetes care for students</li> <li>• Requires boards of education/school districts/governing authorities to report the number of enrolled students with diabetes and the number of diabetes medication errors made to the Department of Education at the end of each year</li> </ul>
ORC 3313.7113, 3313.7114, 3314.144, 3326.30, 3328.30	Procurement of inhalers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enables boards of education/school districts/governing authorities of chartered schools, community schools, STEM schools and college-preparatory boarding schools to obtain inhalers for each school under their control</li> <li>• Requires boards of education/school districts/governing authorities who have chosen to obtain inhalers to adopt a policy, in consultation with a licensed health professional with prescribing authority, for their maintenance and use</li> </ul>

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<b>ORC 3313.713</b>	Administering drugs to students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires boards of education/school districts to adopt policies for the administration of drugs prescribed to students</li> <li>• Enables designated school employees who are licensed health professionals or have been adequately trained to administer drugs that have been prescribed to students</li> <li>• Requires boards of education to obtain parental requests and prescriber instructions for drug administration, and enables boards of education to establish other procedures before drugs can be administered to students</li> </ul>
<b>ORC 3313.719</b>	Student food allergic reaction prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires boards of education/school districts/governing authorities of chartered schools to create written policies for protecting students with peanut and other food allergies</li> <li>• Requires boards of education/school districts/governing authorities to consult parents, school nurses/employees, volunteers, students and community members when writing these policies</li> </ul>
<b>ORC 3319.073</b>	School safety and violence prevention training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires boards of education/school districts/governing authorities of educational service centers to adopt a curriculum for in-service training in the prevention of child abuse, violence, substance abuse and the promotion of positive youth development</li> <li>• Requires boards of education/school districts/governing authorities to incorporate training in human trafficking, harassment/bullying, dating violence and youth suicide awareness and prevention into the in-service training curriculum</li> </ul>

**Note:** Schools in Ohio also frequently provide scoliosis screenings, but they are not required under state law. This table provides a summary of school health service requirements under Ohio law for informational purposes only and is not intended to be a comprehensive statement of law or policy.

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