



CHAPTER 115C  
ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS AND PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

N.C.G.S. § 115C-5.

Definitions.

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As used in this Chapter unless the context requires otherwise:

The State Board of Education may be referred to as the "Board" or as the "State Board."

The governing board of a city administrative unit is "the \_\_\_\_\_ city board of education."

The governing board of a county administrative unit is "the \_\_\_\_\_ county board of education."

The governing body of a public school unit is the following:

- a.For a local school administrative unit, the local board of education.
- b.For a charter school, the nonprofit corporation board of directors.
- c.For a regional school, the regional school board of directors.
- d.For a school operated under Article 9C of this Chapter, the board of trustees.
- e.For a school operated under Article 29A of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes, the chancellor of the constituent institution.

The term "school district" means any district defined by G.S. 115C-69.

"Local board" or "board" means a city board of education, county board of education, or a city-county board of education.

"Local school administrative unit" means a subdivision of the public school system which is governed by a local board of education. It may be a city school administrative unit, a county school administrative unit, or a city-county school administrative unit.

The executive head of a school shall be called "principal."



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| 06 | 1971 | c. 1188, s. 2                         | AMENDED |
| 07 | 1973 | c. 315, s. 1                          | AMENDED |
| 08 | 1973 | c. 782, ss. 1-30                      | AMENDED |
| 09 | 1975 | c. 437, s. 10                         | AMENDED |
| 10 | 1979 | c. 864, s. 2                          | AMENDED |
| 11 | 1981 | c. 423, s. 1                          | AMENDED |
| 12 | 1981 | 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 975, s. 2 | AMENDED |
| 13 | 1997 | S.L. 1997-456, s. 27                  | AMENDED |
| 14 | 2019 | S.L. 2019-51, s. 1                    | AMENDED |
| 15 | 2020 | S.L. 2020-56, s. 6(a), (b)            | AMENDED |
| 16 | 2021 | S.L. 2021-180, s. 7.14(g), (h)        | AMENDED |
| 17 | 2023 | S.L. 2023-10, s. 2(a)                 | AMENDED |
| 18 | 2024 | S.L. 2024-1, s. 2.8E(a)               | AMENDED |

APPARATUS II  
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

| REFERENCE    | APPEARS IN | OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION        |
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| G.S. 115C-69 | (null)(4)  | "district" means any district defined by" |

APPARATUS III

Citation

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