

**15A NCAC 18A .1308 SCORING SYSTEM**

(a) The grading of all institutions shall be based on a sanitation system of scoring as follows:

- (1) institutions receiving a score of 90 percent or greater shall be awarded Grade A;
- (2) institutions receiving a score of at least 80 percent and less than 90 percent shall be awarded Grade B;
- (3) institutions receiving a score of at least 70 percent and less than 80 percent shall be awarded Grade C; and
- (4) institutions receiving a score of less than 70 percent do not meet the minimum sanitation standards and shall not receive a grade.

(b) If an institution or an institution's dietary kitchen fails to earn a sanitation score of at least 70 percent, the regulatory authority shall notify the licensing agency within 24 hours of completing the inspection and shall provide a copy of the inspection report to the licensing agency within two business days of the date of the inspection.

(c) The sanitation score is a percentage determined by deducting points from 100 for each item found not to be in compliance with the rules of this Section. Deductions for sanitation scores shall be based on violations of the Rules of this Section that are observed during the inspection. The regulatory authority shall take zero, one-half, or a full deduction based on the severity or the recurring nature of the rule violation. The percentage point value of each item is determined as follows:

- (1) Violation of Rule .1309 of this Section regarding the cleanliness and repair of floors and carpet shall equal no more than two points.
- (2) Violation of Rule .1310(a) of this Section regarding walls and ceilings shall equal no more than two points.
- (3) Violation of Rule .1310(b) of this Section regarding ceiling attachments shall equal no more than one point.
- (4) Violation of Rule .1311(a) of this Section regarding lighting levels shall equal no more than one point.
- (5) Violation of Rule .1311(b) of this Section regarding cleanliness of ventilation equipment shall equal no more than one point.
- (6) Violation of Rule .1311(c) of this Section regarding ambient air temperatures shall equal no more than two points.
- (7) Violation of Rule .1312(a) of this Section regarding toilet, handwashing, and bathing facilities shall equal no more than two points.
- (8) Violation of Rule .1312(b) of this Section regarding storage and signage shall equal no more than one point.
- (9) Violation of Rule .1312(c) of this Section regarding bedpans, urinals, bedside commodes, and emesis basins shall equal no more than one point.
- (10) Violation of Rule .1312(d) of this Section regarding handwashing facilities shall equal no more than three points.
- (11) Violation of Rule .1312(e) of this Section regarding disinfectants shall equal no more than two points.
- (12) Violation of Rule .1312(f) of this Section regarding bathing facilities shall equal no more than three points.
- (13) Violation of Rule .1313(a) of this Section regarding water supply shall equal no more than four points.
- (14) Violation of Rule .1313(b) of this Section regarding water sampling shall equal no more than two points.
- (15) Violation of Rule .1313(c) of this Section regarding cross-connections shall equal no more than two points.
- (16) Violation of Rule .1313(d) of this Section regarding hot and cold water shall equal no more than three points.
- (17) Violation of Rule .1313(e) of this Section regarding back up water supply plans shall equal no more than one point.
- (18) Violation of Rule .1314(a) of this Section regarding cleaning and maintenance of drinking fountains shall equal no more than one point.
- (19) Violation of Rule .1314(b) of this Section regarding utensils used for service of water and ice shall equal no more than two points.

- (20) Violation of Rule .1314(c) of this Section regarding protection of ice shall equal no more than two points.
- (21) Violation of Rule .1315(a) of this Section regarding sewage disposal shall equal no more than four points.
- (22) Violation of Rule .1315(b) of this Section regarding disposal of mop water shall equal no more than three points.
- (23) Violation of Rule .1316(a) of this Section regarding solid waste storage shall equal no more than one point.
- (24) Violation of Rule .1316(b) of this Section regarding refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall equal no more than one point.
- (25) Violation of Rule .1316(c) of this Section regarding containers and container washing facilities shall equal no more than one point.
- (26) Violation of Rule .1316(d) of this Section regarding cleaning and maintenance of the premises shall equal no more than two points.
- (27) Violation of Rule .1316(e) of this Section regarding handling and disposal of medical waste shall equal no more than two points.
- (28) Violation of Rule .1317(a) of this Section regarding pest control shall equal no more than one point.
- (29) Violation of Rule .1317(b) of this Section regarding storage and handling of pesticides shall equal no more than two points.
- (30) Violation of Rule .1318(a) of this Section regarding medication carts shall equal no more than two points.
- (31) Violation of Rule .1318(b) of this Section regarding feeding bags, tubes, syringes, and oral suction catheters shall equal no more than two points.
- (32) Violation of Rule .1319(a) of this Section regarding furnishings shall equal no more than one point.
- (33) Violation of Rule .1319(b) of this Section regarding linens and linen storage shall equal no more than one point.
- (34) Violation of Rule .1319(c) of this Section regarding sanitizing of laundry shall equal no more than three points.
- (35) Violation of Rule .1319(d) of this Section regarding laundry shall equal no more than one point.
- (36) Violation of Rule .1319(e) of this Section regarding laundry areas shall equal no more than one point.
- (37) Violation of Rule .1319(f) of this Section regarding mobility equipment shall equal no more than one point.
- (38) Violation of Rule .1320(a) of this Section regarding food service equipment shall equal no more than one point.
- (39) Violation of Rule .1320(b) of this Section regarding cleaning and sanitization of utensils shall equal no more than three points.
- (40) Violation of Rule .1320(c) of this Section regarding handwashing facilities shall equal no more than two points.
- (41) Violation of Rule .1320(d) of this Section regarding cooking and baking equipment surfaces shall equal no more than one point.
- (42) Violation of Rule .1321(a) of this Section regarding food sources and supplies shall equal no more than three points.
- (43) Violation of Rule .1321(b) of this Section regarding storage, labeling, and condition of food shall equal no more than one point.
- (44) Violation of Rule .1323(a) of this Section regarding food protection shall equal no more than four points.
- (45) Violation of Rule .1323(b) of this Section regarding hot and cold food holding equipment shall equal no more than one point.
- (46) Violation of Rule .1323(c) of this Section regarding food storage shall equal no more than one point.
- (47) Violation of Rule .1323(d) of this Section regarding live animals shall equal no more than two points.

- (48) Violation of Rule .1324(a) of this Section regarding employee clothing shall equal no more than two points.
- (49) Violation of Rule .1324(a)(1)-(5) of this Section regarding employee handwashing shall equal no more than three points.
- (50) Violation of Rule .1324(b) of this Section regarding employee handwashing shall equal no more than three points.
- (51) Violation of Rule .1324(c) of this Section regarding exclusion of persons with certain diseases and conditions from food service work shall equal no more than four points.
- (52) Violation of Rule .1324(d) of this Section regarding cleaning supplies and written procedures for responding to vomiting or diarrheal events shall equal no more than two points.

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