

**SECTION .0600 – STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
EDUCATORS**

**16 NCAC 06C .0601      DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Section, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Child" means a person under the age of 16.
- (2) "License" means a professional educator license issued by the Department of Public Instruction ("DPI") in accordance with this Subchapter and Chapter 115C, Article 17E of the General Statutes.
- (3) "Local superintendent" means the superintendent of a local school administrative unit, as provided in Chapter 115C, Article 18 of the General Statutes, or the staff member with the highest decision-making authority for a PSU, if there is no superintendent.
- (4) "Public school unit" or "PSU" is defined in G.S. 115C-5(7a).
- (5) "Professional educator" or "educator" is defined in G.S. 115C-270.1(2).
- (6) "Respondent" means a person who currently holds a license or who has applied for a license.
- (7) "Student" means a person enrolled in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or in Grade 1 through Grade 12 in any public school unit, or who has been enrolled in a public school unit within 6 months of an alleged violation of these Standards.

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