

North Carolina Drug Education School

10A NC Administrative Code 27G .3903 Operations Section (b) provides that:

Each school shall provide an initial assessment for each potential student prior to the first class session to determine whether the student is eligible to attend the school and to determine if referral to a treatment resource is appropriate.

Source: [NC Office of Administrative Hearings](#)

Application: Each Drug Education School (DES) should complete a substance use assessment and review American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria. Assessment recommendations and ASAM level should be considered when determining if an individual is appropriate for DES or if they need referral for treatment. Drug Education School is appropriate for a person with an ASAM level of 0.5. Persons needing a higher level of care should be referred to the appropriate service provider of their choice. The court must be advised of the referral, that the assessment determined the person requires a higher level of care, and therefore would not benefit from Drug Education School.

Those referred to DES should have the assessment process and eligibility for the program carefully explained for their education and understanding.

