

Wilson County Emergency Services District 4  
Standard Operating Procedures

### 334 EMS Students

#### **Purpose**

To layout guidelines for active students in accredited EMS education programs riding on Wilson County ESD 4 ambulances. Department personnel will review this policy with students participating in clinical hours at the District.

#### **Policy**

EMS students may interact in the patient care process by performing duties as delegated by the affiliate agreement with the training institution. The amount of involvement by the student in patient care is to be determined by the lead medic on the ambulance. Skills practiced must fall within the parameters of the certification level being studied.

- Students are allowed to be scheduled from 8am-6pm Monday-Friday.
- Students will ride on an ambulance with a designated Field Training Officer or senior medic.
- Field Training Officers or the Shift Captain will review student expectations outlined in this SOP at the start of a student's first shift at the agency.

#### **Students must:**

- Sign a rider release form prior to riding out.
- Be pre-approved and scheduled by WCESD 4 administration.
- Follow all requirements, rules, and directions by WCESD 4 personnel prior to and during their clinical shift.
- Students must *never* be left in the role of providing sole care for a patient.
- Be well-groomed and dressed in the appropriate student uniform.
- Students may not wear badges or uniform items belonging to an agency outside of the education program.

#### **Students are expected to:**

- Be attentive and engaging during their clinical shifts with WCESD 4 crews.
- Proactively be involved in patient care during emergency calls.
- Participate in studying and training sessions offered by District personnel.

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- Students that do not abide by WCESD 4 policies or directives by personnel may be sent home.

**Prospective Student Riders are disqualified if:**

- They are known to have been convicted of or charged with any felony or misdemeanor (excluding moving violations)
- They are intoxicated or have consumed alcohol within eight hours prior to their shift.
- Exhibit disciplinary or conduct problems during their clinical shifts.
- WCESD 4 Field Training Officers or On-Duty Supervisors will complete student paperwork and evaluations. Complaints on or from students may be directed to the Training Captain.