



School Nurses Organization of Arizona

Partners in Health and Education



Dear SNOA Members,

Happy New Year! Despite what the calendar indicates, I see the start of each school year more as a "new year" than January 1. This is a time of new beginnings and fresh starts. It is a time for positive energy and hope. Our students are precious, and they deserve our best efforts every day. We owe them the assurance that we will do all within our capacity to ensure their health and academic success.

This is an exciting time when students and staff are energized and eager to jump into teaching and learning. It is a busy and important time getting medication consents, care plans and emergency plans for our students. Our students need thoughtful, articulate and engaging nurses and health staff who focus on what is important — ensuring the health and safety needs of each student are met.

I am always impressed with the expertise and energy exhibited by so many of you as you support and advocate for your students.

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy Back-to-School Year from your SNOA Board Members.



Nadine Miller
SNOA President



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SNOA in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education wants to send our thanks to our attendees at the 30th Annual School Health Conference

"AMP it Up- Activate, Motivate, Participate - From Evidence to Action"

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our first recipients of the

School Nurse Administrator of the Year
Josephine Sardina

and **School Nurse of the Year Awards**
Tennille Arviso



NASN Corner.....*ARIZONA STEP UP!*

Step Up and Be Counted. SNOA is requesting some data for collection from the 2016-2017 school year.

Please send this information to:

Mary Freeland @ SKLRNMARY@AOL.COM
by **October 1, 2017.**

Continue to collect this year's data and submit it by May 31, 2018.

1. **Your Name, Your School, Your County**
2. **How many students do you have in your school?**
3. **How many full time RN's, LPN's, Aides**
4. **How many are on special assignment?**
5. **How many students have a life threatening allergy?**
6. **How many students have Type 1 diabetes?**
7. **How many students have Type 2 diabetes?**
8. **How many have seizures?**
9. **How many have asthma?**
10. **How many students are sent home by the RN, LPN, Aide?**

Mary Freeland NASN – AZ Director

Continuing Education

Arizona Asthma & Allergy Clinical Conference

Saturday, Oct.7th, 2017

This educational activity is designed for practicing pediatric and adult primary care providers, asthma specialists (pulmonologists and allergists), pediatric and family Nurse Practitioners, Respiratory Therapists, pharmacists, nurses, school nurses, quality assurance and case managers, MA's and anyone else involved in the care of people with asthma to increase their knowledge or asthma best practices.

Registration information at:

<http://snoa.org/ContinuingEducation.php>

Legislation updates:

Asthma HB 2208

Allows any school to voluntarily stock inhalers for non-specific patient use. This includes a protocol and an action plan of specific training and standing orders.

Section 15-158. Emergency administration of inhalers by trained personnel for more information:

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/53Leg/1R/laws/0058.pdf>

Sun Screen HB 2134

States:

May possess and use a topical sunscreen product while on school property or at a school-sponsored event without a note or prescription from a medical provider if the product is approved by the US FDA for nonprescription use for the purpose of limiting skin damage induced by UV light.

National School Nurse Certification



The National Board for Certification of School Nurses (NBCSN) endorses the concept of voluntary certification by examination for all school nurses. Professional certification in school nursing provides an ongoing, quality credentialing process for eligible school nurses. Certification represents a national standard of preparation, knowledge, and practice. If you are interested in becoming a Nationally Certificated School Nurse visit: <http://www.nbcsn.org>

[Handbook for Candidates](#)

ATTENTION SCHOOL NURSES/HEALTH AIDES

The 2017 Pinal County School Health Conference will provide important Public Health information for schools and child care. The event will be held October 12, 2017 at the Central Arizona College Signal Peak Campus.

For more details or to register, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-pinal-county-school-health-conference-tickets->

School nurse app Health Kids AZ is now available in the apple and google play stores.

Healthy Kids AZ is a **FREE** mobile app for Arizona school nurses, health aides and child care staff.

- Access the AZ Infectious Disease and Injury Prevention “Flip Charts”
- Search for public clinics, FQHCs, RHCs, dental clinics, vision & hearing clinics in your area
- Contact your local public health department with 1-click
- Find AZ required vaccines and infection control guidance

<http://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#healthy-kids-az>