

School Nurse Services

"The job of the School Nurse is to promote student safety, improve attendance, foster academic achievement, reduce health and educational disparities, and contribute to creating engaged and informed citizens."

The School Nurse reviews the Health Information Form each year to compile and prioritize health problems of students with life-threatening conditions, diabetes, emergency medications and who need Emergency Care Plans and/or Individualized Health Care Plans.

Emergency Care Plans and Individualized Health Care Plans require contacting parents/guardians and healthcare providers to obtain a health condition assessment, provider orders, and emergency medications. Usually this also requires an Authorization for the Exchange of Medical Information to be signed by the parent/guardian. Staff is identified to train regarding the Emergency Care Plans and Individual Health Care Plans.

The School Nurse schedules and prepares the forms for the vision and hearing screening and assures completion each year, and completes re-screen and referrals as needed.

The School Nurse reviews the immunization status of all the students and assures completion and submission of the state immunization report to the Department of Health each year. The School Nurse notifies the parents/guardians of any required immunizations needed and informs them of age appropriate recommended immunizations. The School Nurse educates and monitors communicable disease in the school and community, provides education to staff, parents/guardians and students, and networks with local health jurisdictions and entities to keep the school safe.

The School Nurse sets up and maintains the Health Room so it is ready to receive students and administer to their healthcare needs. This requires networking with parents/guardians, teachers and staff, and healthcare providers and, most of all, interacting with the students in an open and caring manner. Developing systems and forms to document all Health Room services provides quality assurance and creates a professional environment and data to the state on an annual basis.

The School Nurse supports student success and achievement in the learning process by providing healthcare using assessment, interventions and follow-up, and addressing the physical, mental, emotional and social health needs of students. The School Nurse strives to create an environment that benefits all children in the school setting, which positively benefits the community in which the school is home to.