

ESSENTIAL SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES GUIDELINES

Ensure mandated school health services in the educational environment

- *Identify students with health needs requiring modifications or accommodations in the school setting or during school sponsored events and activities (20 USC 1412(a)(3))
- *Obtain and interpret student health data, as deemed necessary, for child find/special education assessments and 504 accommodation plans. (1 CCR 301-8)
- * Participate as the health expert on the response to intervention (RTI), special education and 504 teams by mitigating health related obstacles to learning. (1 CCR 301-8)
- *Develop and implement Individual Health Care Plans for students with health care needs (34 CFR. Part 104, CRS 22-1-119.5)
- *Provide for the administration of medication and nursing procedures (CRS 12-38-101)
- * Ensure safe delegation to unlicensed assistive personnel by adhering to the provisions of the Colorado Nurse Practice Act. (CRS 12-38-101)
- *Assure the provision of first aid and provide triage for physical, oral and mental health issues
- *Implement health screening programs and facilitate follow-up care needs. (CRS 22-1-116)
- *Assure student health information is protected in accordance with Family Educational Right to Privacy Act (34 CFR Part 99) and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (H.R. 3103 (104th))

Assess the health of the school community

- Survey trends related to student health issues such as absenteeism, mental, physical and oral health.
- Monitor student accident/incident reports
- Provide screening and intervention for identified student health concerns
- Utilize surveillance and screening data to implement coordinated school health programs and initiatives.
- Assess student health risk behaviors and protective factors
- Communicate health and wellness issues to school and community
- Develop a school wellness plan based on federal requirements

Advocate for the physical and emotional safety of the school community

- *Provide education and serve as a resource regarding child protection issues (CRS 19-3-301)
- Promote a safe and drug free school environment (CRS 22-32-109.1)
- Initiate prevention programs based on assessment of high-risk behaviors
- Provide interventions to promote healthy behaviors and prevent child and adolescent morbidity/mortality

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- Participate in comprehensive health education programs and school health policy development

Protect against environmental hazards

- Assess and provide recommendations regarding environmental hazards and safety issues.
- Assist in the development of policy to provide a safe and healthy school environment. (6 CCR 1010-6)

Contain the spread of disease

- *Promote and monitor immunizations (6 CCR 1009-2)
- *Institute appropriate disease control measures (6 CCR 1009-1)
- *Assist in the development of policy and provide recommendations to support public health law (6 CCR 1010-6)
- Educate about infectious and nuisance diseases

Respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery

- *Design response plans to assist all students with special needs in emergencies
- Participate in the development of emergency plans for natural, man-made and hazardous materials disasters in school and community
- Participate in crisis-response teams

Ensure the quality and accessibility of school health services

- *Align school health programs with National and State standards and evidence based practice
- *Evaluate the provision of school health services using outcomes based measurements
- *Submit annual reports to state and local boards (6 CCR 1009-2)
- Communicate and coordinate with other school programs
- Coordinate school health or medical advisory councils
- Collect evidenced-based data to improve and support school health services

Collaborate and coordinate with students, families, community health services and other outreach programs

- Serve as a liaison between student, school, parent, and community health care providers and organizations
- Provide health related case management services and assist families in accessing resources

The professional school registered nurse (RN) is educated and licensed to provide health services in the school setting. Personnel without medical licensure require training, delegation and supervision from the professional school nurse to perform delegated nursing tasks in schools.

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