

## **Student Health Services and Records**

The school nurse, working in close relationship with administration and instructional staff, is responsible for providing health services inclusive of health supervision, health counseling and health education.

Health supervision includes the following:

1. Obtaining a health history on all new students
2. Enforcing the Colorado immunization law
3. Providing emergency care for students and staff who are sick or injured at school
4. Conducting mandatory vision and hearing screenings in grades K-3, 5, 7 and 9 as well as for any student referred by a parent/guardian or teacher
5. Conducting scoliosis screenings in grades 6, 7 and 8
6. Assessing and monitoring the health of chronically ill students and developing a health care plan (as appropriate) for these students
7. Providing the health component for students who are evaluated for special education services and developing and implementing the health care plan in accordance with state and federal regulations for handicapped children
8. Monitoring students with communicable diseases
9. Promoting a safe physical setting
10. Maintaining current and pertinent health records on all students and storing those records in a locked file
11. Reporting suspected child abuse cases

Health counseling consists of the following:

1. Interpreting health information to students, parents/guardians and appropriate teachers
2. Providing guidance and counseling regarding health lifestyles
3. Making recommendations regarding health conditions including referrals to family physicians and community resources
4. Making students aware of the time the school nurse is in the building so that student health counseling can take place if students desire

### **Health education**

The school nurse's role in health education shall include:

1. Participating in the development of the district's health curriculum
2. Serving as a resource for classroom teachers in health education
3. Providing in-services to faculty and parents/guardians on pertinent health topics
4. Serving as a resource to school staff in the area of health and related needs

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