



Medical Services Division

DISTRICT NURSING SERVICES

MISSION

To strengthen and facilitate the educational process by improving and protecting the health status of children and by identifying and assisting in the elimination or modification of health-related barriers to learning.

PURPOSE

School Nurses focus on students' health and promote student attendance and achievement. Nursing services includes health assessment, communicable disease control, state mandated screenings, such as vision and scoliosis, first aid and disaster preparedness, immunization follow-up, child abuse reporting, suicide risk assessment, utilization of approved community resources, and health education of students and staff.

LAUSD School Nurses are California Registered Nurses (RN) with a Baccalaureate Degree. In addition, the School Nurse possesses a California School Nurse Services Credential. School Nurses are members of a multidisciplinary team established to meet the health and educational needs of all LAUSD students. The School Nurse is especially prepared and uniquely qualified in preventive health, health assessment and referral procedures.



PROGRAMS

There are over 800 Credentialed School Nurses and Licensed Vocational Nurses who serve the health needs of more than 400,000 LAUSD students in a wide range of programs: Infant Special Education, Preschools, Elementary, Secondary, Continuation Schools, Migrant Education Programs, Special Education and Early Education Centers. In addition, School Nurses working in the Central Nursing Office provide assistance, support and supplementation to the work of the School Nurses in the schools.



SERVICES

- Adolescent Health/Condom Availability Program (CAP)
- Asthma Program
- Audiometric Testing Program
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Program (CPR/AED)
- Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP)
- Communicable Disease/Immunization Program
- Diabetes Management
- Early Childhood Education Program
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Oral Health Program
- Queens Care Dental and Vision Program
- Special Education health services support
- School-based health services (minimum of one day of nursing services in each school)

WHY SCHOOL NURSES

All children and youth have a right to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting.

The Education Code states

*"School nurses strengthen and facilitate the educational process by improving and protecting the health status of children and by identification and assistance in the removal or modification of health-related barriers to learning in individual children."*¹

THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

The credentialed school nurse assumes a variety of pivotal roles: primary health care provider, case manager, health services care coordinator, child advocate, health educator, counselor, and supervisor of health care in the educational setting. School Nurses train, assign, and supervise unlicensed personnel to provide Specialized Physical Health Care Services. School Nurses focus on students' health promote student attendance and achievement.

1. The Role of the Credentialed School Nurse http://www.csko.org/uploads/1/7/2/4/17248852/role_of_the_credentialed_school_nurse-2010.pdf



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