

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSING SERVICES

It is the policy of the Special School District that the school registered nurse is responsible for the health and welfare of students. This policy applies to all school health nursing services. The school registered nurse provides quality nursing care, either directly or indirectly through the delegation of nursing services. Typically nursing services will be provided by a registered nurse. However, if the nursing services being provided are within the scope of practice of a licensed practical nurse, the District may at its discretion, employ a licensed practical nurse to do so.

Delegation of Nursing Services

Adherence to standards for delegation of nursing care will guide provision of nursing services in the District. Delegation to UAP (unlicensed assistive personnel) is a necessary tool in providing adequate and safe nursing care for students with special health care needs. Consistency in decision-making regarding delegation of nursing care in the school setting ensures safe and appropriate care for students.

Process

- Parents, school administrators, and/or health care professionals shall seek input, guidance, and collaboration with the school nurse regarding any and all health care issues within the school system.
- The school nurse will assess each individual student's situation when the need for school health services is deemed necessary. The school nurse will attend the student's Individualized Educational Program meeting if additional information is needed to determine services.
- School nurses assigned to SSD CTE High Schools will attend 504 conferences as directed by District administration.
- The school nurse will determine if delegation appropriate.
- If delegation is not appropriate, steps will be taken to ensure safe and appropriate nursing care is provided in the least restrictive environment.
- The school nurse is responsible for developing an individualized health care plan to reflect the specifics of care.
- The health care plan is reviewed and/or updated at least annually or when there is a change in the health of the student.

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