



NURSING SERVICES
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NURSING AND HEALTH SERVICES PARENT LETTER

The School Health Services Program includes a staff of two Registered Nurses and several part-time Health Assistants who work directly with all school principals, and secretaries to provide health programs in Delta County Schools. There is not a nurse that works in any particular school, however, most schools have a part-time Health assistant in the building regularly.

School Health Services supplement, rather than replace, parental responsibility and encourage use of the services of physicians, dentists, and community health agencies. The Registered Nurse and Health Assistants are **NOT** permitted to make medical diagnosis or prescribe medication. Please do not send your child to school with instructions to "see the nurse" if they are ill.

The following protocols have been developed to facilitate health services for your student:

- Each student is required by Colorado law to have a completed Certificate of Immunization in order to attend school. Please provide school with a copy of their immunization record at registration. If your child does not receive immunizations, you may sign an exemption on the basis of personal or religious reasons. A physician must sign the certificate if the exemption is for a medical reason. Please contact the school nurse or school's health aide to sign this exemption certificate.
- **PLEASE NOTE: we will be adding immunization records to the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) a web-enabled database. Parent/Legal Guardian has the option to exclude your student's immunization information from the immunization tracking system. You must contact the school nurse for more information.**
- A Health Screening Questionnaire is required to be filled out each year and returned to the school at registration. If any significant health concerns are noted on this questionnaire, the Registered Nurse will work with parent/guardian to complete a Health Care Plan for the student if needed which will be a part of a cumulative health file for your child.
- Medications may be given at school with a permission form filled out, signed by the Parent/Guardian **AND PHYSICIAN** and must be in a properly labeled container.
- The parent/guardian will be contacted when a student is injured or ill. Basic first aid/CPR will be given at school and EMS will be contacted as needed.
- Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if he/she is ill with fever, a persistent cough, contagious disease, a rash that has not been identified by a health care provider, or nausea and vomiting.
- Students will be screened for vision and hearing at certain grade levels as mandated by CRS 22-1-116. You will receive written information if the screening indicates a need for further evaluation. We will also be screening height, weight and BMI. Please note: you may opt out of any or all of these screenings with a written note. This will be your only notification of the screenings.

We look forward to working with you! If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact a District Nurse at 874-7607.