What Do our School Nurses Do?

Mandated Activities
for School Health Services Staff

Management of Health Appraisals

Review and documentation of mandated Health Appraissal for new entrants to the district, pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and in grades 2,4,7 and 10

- Send parent letters to obtain Health Certificate 30 days after the commencement of the school year
- Assist the school medical director in completing Health Appraisals not returned to the school by the parent
- Document body mass index and wieght status category reporting information and prepare for survey
- Documentation of dental certificate, if provided
- Adaptive physical education needs communicated to staff

Health Screening

Vision Screening

- Distance acuity for new entrants and students in K and Grades 1,2,3,5,7 and 10
- Near vision acuity for new entrants
- Hyperopia for new entrants
- Color perception for new entrants
- Send referral as needed to parent or the the person in relationship to the student

Hearing Screening

- 20 db sweepcheck for new entrants and students in K and Grades 1,3,5,7 and 10
- Threshold Screening for any student failing the 20db sweepcheck
- Acoustic Innittance Screening (if available)
- Send referral as needed to parent or the the person in relationship to the student

Scoliosis Screening

- For students in Grades 5-9
- Send referral as needed to parent or the the person in relationship to the student

Immunizations

Receive and review immunizations from all students for school admission.
Receive parental requests for immunization exemptions

- Refer medical exemption requests to school medical director
- Refer religious exemption requests to school administration
- Provide information to parents regarding the importance of vaccinations

Document immunizations on the cumulative health record
Maintain on original copy of the student's immunization record

Survey and State Reporting

Immunization School Survey - NYS Department of Health

- Due annually on October 30
- Reviews immunization compliance of all newly entered students

Student Weight Status Category Reporting -
NYS Depart. of Health

- Due annually on October 30
- A sample (50%) of schools must report Student Weight Status of all students with mandated Health Appraisals

Child Abuse Reporting
Mandated reporters through Child Protective Services

Medication Administration

Set up and maintain medication policies and delivery system

- Prescription medications
- Non prescription medications
- Daily medications
- Medications given on an "as needed basis"

Preparation of medication dosages for all students
Administration of medications to non-self directed students
Training of unlicensed staff to assist self directed students in taking their own medication
Training of willing unlicensed staff to administer student specific doses of epinephrine and glucagon emergency medications as appropriate.

Communicable Disease Management

Reporting to Health Department of identified reportable communicable diseases

Act as a liaison between school medical director, health department and school administration as needed

Monitoring of students with immunization exemptions during an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease

- Notification of parents as appropriate

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School Health Activities Typically Overseen By School Health Services Staff

Sports Physicals

- Required annually for participation is school sports
- Modifications identified as needed for student participation i.e. protective equipment needs

Sports Certification

- Completed for Fall, Winter, and Spring sports seasons
- Oversight of selective classification

Work Permits

- Provide proof of physical fitness for work
- Health appraisal required within 12 months of application

Committee on Special Education - CSE/CPSE

- Provide health related information to CSE on a need to know basis
- Attend CSE meetings as required

Student Weight Status Category Reporting

- Documentation of obesity related diseases, if reported to school
- Organization of data
- Communicate "opt out" option to parents

Maintain equipment, including recalibration as needed

Provide immunization forms to colleges and summer camp programs
Statewide voluntary emergency medication and treatment data reporting
Individual and/or district school health services data collection
District accident reports

Administration of medications to self directed students
Administration of emergency medications
Planning for emergency medication administration in emergencies and building evacuations
Documentation of healthcare provider orders and medication administration

Provision of First Aid and Nursing Care

Provide first aid and nursing care to students and staff as needed
- Illnesses
- Chronic Health Condition Management
- Injuries
- Substance use assessment

Communication with healthcare providers as appropriate
Notification of school administration and parents as appropriate
Professional development attendance to remain current in the nursing profession
Respond to medical emergencies as needed
Provide nursing expertise in school emergency planning
Office management
- Ordering of supplies
- Maintaining adequate and appropriate first aid and nursing care supplies

Communicable Disease Management

Monitoring of communicable diseases in the school setting
Exclusion of students, where necessary, with contagious diseases or conditions

Bloodborn Pathogen Training

Staff training on Universal precautions
Preparation and distribution of Universal Precaution kits
Consultation provided on ongoing basis

Development of Healthcare Plans

Development of Emergency Care Plans
- Obtain healthcare provider orders
- Review with parent, obtain signature to share plan at school
- Train unlicensed staff to administer the plan as needed
- Provide ongoing support to school staff

Development of Individualized Healthcare Plans
- Obtain healthcare provider orders
- Outline care to direct nursing response to complex medical condition