

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

The school nurse works within the Health Services Division of Saraland City Schools. A program of student health services is offered including the areas of health appraisal, emergency care, and communicable disease prevention and control. The program is designed to aid each student in reaching and maintaining his/her best possible state of well-being. Coordination of the health service program shall be the responsibility of the Health Services Division in Saraland City Schools.

Procedural Overview

The Health Services Division helps students and staff in the areas of health services, health education, and a healthful environment. The role of the school nurse within this program is to strengthen the educational process of children and youth by assisting them to improve or adapt to their health status. The school nurse will promote wellness and disease prevention by early intervention and identification of health problems that interfere with learning.

Health Services Division includes programs consisting of the following:

Health Assessment and Care

1. Vision Screening
2. Hearing screening
3. Dental Screening
4. Scoliosis Screening
5. Blood Pressure Screening
6. Growth and Development Screening
7. Illness and Injury Assessment and Interventions
8. Nursing procedures such as: tracheotomy care, gastrostomy feeding, catheterizations, blood sugar testing, insulin administration, nebulizer treatments, diastat administration.
9. Chronic disease Management and Education.
10. Identification, Assessment, Intervention and Evaluation of Student Health concerns.
11. Emergency and Individual Health Care Plans for special needs students.
12. Physical Exams
13. Referrals to parents, agencies, and medical providers as needed.
14. Assessment, interventions and referral for students with mental health needs.
15. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Assessment.
16. Medication Administration and training.
17. Delegation of the task of administering medications to students.

First Aid and Safety

18. First Aid room inspection
19. First aid and CPR/AED training
20. Identification of health and safety concerns in the school environment

21. Accident reporting review

Communicable Disease Control

- 22. Distribution of regulations for Communicable Disease Control to all schools for each teacher and Health Rooms.
- 23. Screening, assessment, and intervention for communicable diseases.
- 24. Review Communicable Disease Weekly Reports
- 25. Liaison between the school system, Mobile County Health Department, parents and health care providers.
- 26. Monitoring of compliance with the state of Alabama immunization law.

Health Education

- 27. Communicable Disease Prevention
- 28. Hand washing
- 29. Hygiene
- 30. Growth and Development
- 31. Dental Health
- 32. Standard Precautions
- 33. HIV/AIDS
- 34. Scoliosis
- 35. Nutrition
- 36. Diabetes Education
- 37. Anaphylaxis Program
- 38. Naloxone Program
- 39. Palliative End of Life Training
- 40. Education and Training of all nurses for special procedures and treatments
- 41. Seizure Education
- 42. Other Health related topics as needed on request.

Crisis Intervention

- 43. Accidents
- 44. Child abuse situations
- 45. Threatened suicide
- 46. Threatened violence
- 47. Serious illnesses
- 48. Grief counseling

Special Education Support

- 49. Vision and hearing clearance before psychological testing.

50. IEP meeting participation and consultation.
51. OHI participation and consultation.
52. 504 meeting participation and consultation
53. Special Olympics
54. Special Procedures
55. Bus transportation and field trips with medically fragile students.

Personnel Programs

56. Bus driver physicals
57. Drug testing for employees/students
58. Blood pressure screening and referrals
59. On-The-Job Injury Program
60. Drug education for employees and health concerns counseling