Gallipolis City School District
Annual Health Report
2025-26

Nursing Services provided over the 2025-26 school year

School	First aid / Direct Care	Home Visits	In-person Parent Contact	Phone Parent Contact	911 / EMS Activation
Gallia Academy High School	1794	0	40	210	1
Gallia Academy Middle School	1726	0	35	950	0
Green Elementary	2365	0	50	399	1 (adult)
Rio Grande Elementary	2472	15	20	185	5
Washington Elementary	2171	0	35	297	0
Total:	**10,528**	**15**	**180**	**2, 041**	**7**

Number of students with specific medical conditions

School	Asthma	Diabetes	Food Allergy	Seizure	Serious Condition
Gallia Academy High School	53	2	23	13	58
Gallia Academy Middle School	53	2	18	1	41
Green Elementary	22	1	14	3	16
Rio Grande Elementary	18	0	8	5	17
Washington Elementary	31	1	19	8	23
Total:	**177**	**6**	**82**	**30**	**155**

Screenings

All Ohio Department of Health (ODH)–mandated vision and hearing screenings were completed this school year in accordance with ODH guidelines to ensure a safe and effective process. Screenings were conducted for students in Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grades, as well as for all students newly enrolled in the district. In addition, we assisted in

completing Preschool (PK) screenings for students who were unable to be screened by our contracted provider, Head Start, ensuring that all required students were evaluated.

School	Vision				Hearing		
	Screened	Referred	SBHC referral	Completed	Screened	Referred	Complete
GAHS	190	20	11	2	200	6	1
GAMS	179	14	9	7	195	3	1
Green Elementary	200	9	3	2	141	0	0
Rio Grande Elementary	149	8	5	5	141	0	0
Washington Elementary	231	3	4	4	231	1	0
Total:	**949**	**54**	**32**	**20**	**908**	**10**	**2**

Tuberculin Screening:

Our district continues to implement tuberculosis (TB) screening for all new students and staff using a standardized TB Risk Assessment. For students, this assessment is completed through FinalForms during enrollment. New staff members complete a paper risk assessment, which is submitted to Stephanie and then forwarded to Morgan for review. Returning students and staff complete a shortened annual TB questionnaire on FinalForms.

This process has been especially important as our district has welcomed a significant number of immigrant students. This school year, over 22 students were identified as having at least one TB risk factor, requiring follow-up testing through the Gallia County Health Department (GCHD). Of those, 18 students were cleared following a standard TB skin test. Four students required additional testing through a TB blood assay. While this testing created a financial burden for families, all students were ultimately cleared.

TB screening remains a critical component of our efforts to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and the broader community.

Flu & COVID Vaccine Clinic

Flu and COVID vaccines (COVID offered to staff only) were provided at school in collaboration with Holzer Health System. Several staff and students received the flu shot, though no staff members chose to receive the COVID booster.

School	Flu		COVID	
	Staff	Student	Staff	Student
Gallia Academy High School	12	12	0	N/A
Gallia Academy Middle School	13	18	0	0
Green Elementary	7	14	0	0
Rio Grande Elementary	6	12	0	0
Washington Elementary	0	0	0	0
Total:	**38**	**56**	0	0

Vision services provided via the GA Wellness Center

Last year, our district partnered with Vision To Learn's Vision Van to provide photoscreening services for 1,411 GCSD students. This year, we expanded and strengthened our approach by utilizing the SBMC: GA Wellness Center and the services of Dr. Hannah Davidson from Holzer Health System.

Beginning January 13, 2026, Dr. Davidson was scheduled every second Tuesday, and we successfully maximized her availability by filling all appointment slots. To ensure equitable access, we coordinated transportation using the GA van, allowing us to bus students from four schools not located on campus. Through this effort, 24 students were transported who may have otherwise faced barriers to receiving follow-up care.

Providing these on-site services has significantly improved our ability to complete referrals for students who failed vision screenings, as well as for those whose parents independently requested services. This initiative has enhanced access to care and supported better health outcomes for our students.

Medical Reporting Requirements Reminder

Ohio law requires schools to report annually the number of enrolled students with diabetes, the number of diabetic medication errors, as well as the procurement and administration of glucagon, inhalers, and epinephrine. These reports are submitted through the Education Management Information System (EMIS). Notably, the only medication meeting the reporting criteria that we procure is Epinephrine.

School	Epinephrine			Diabetes		
	Adult Stock	Peds Stock	Usage	# of Type 1 Students	# of Type 2 Students	Medication Error

Gallia Academy High School	4	4	0	2	0	0
Gallia Academy Middle School	1	1	0	2	0	0
Green Elementary	1	1	0	1	0	0
Rio Grande Elementary	1	1	0	0	0	0
Washington Elementary	1	1	0	1	0	0

Health Education for Students

In compliance with SB 288 (Erin's Law), schools provide annual, age-appropriate child sexual abuse prevention education for students in grades K–12, including information on counseling and support resources.

Elementary students (K–5) received instruction through the approved PublicSchoolWorks SPEAK UP curriculum, while students in grades 6–12 participated in sex education presentations provided by Holzer Health System.

Parents and guardians were notified of the instructional requirements, informed of their right to review materials upon request, and given the option to opt their child out of the training.

School	Sexual Abuse / Violence Training	Opted out
Gallia Academy High School	533	3
Gallia Academy Middle School	279	6
Green Elementary	269	15
Rio Grande Elementary	247	1
Washington Elementary	396	6

Athletic Physicals

Free athletic physicals were provided this year for students in grades 6–11 who participate in sports within the district. Healthcare providers from Holzer Health System conducted the physicals on-site at GAHS, utilizing five examination rooms set up in the locker room area.

A total of 96 GAMS students attended the event, arriving either by bus transportation or individual transport, and were scheduled in gender-specific groups to maximize efficiency.

Combined with 67 GAHS students, a total of 163 students received free athletic physicals on May 1.

Holzer Health System's School-Based Medicine

We are pleased to continue our partnership with Holzer Health System through the School-Based Medicine program, now enhanced by the utilization of our new health clinic located on the GAHS campus. Meredith Fallon, Nurse Practitioner, remains an incredible asset to our district, providing care to students during the school day with parent consent. This allows a wide range of medical needs to be addressed without students leaving school or missing valuable instructional time.

While the transition from a traveling nurse practitioner model to a centralized health clinic has slightly reduced the number of students who can be seen during school hours due to transportation challenges, the clinic has maintained and expanded a valuable healthcare resource for the broader community. This dedicated space continues to strengthen access to care for both students and families, ensuring ongoing support beyond the school setting.

School	GA Wellness Center (SBMC)		Total
	M. Fallon	H. Davidson	
Gallia Academy High School	85	13	154
Gallia Academy Middle School	10	7	
Green Elementary	5	3	
Rio Grande Elementary	7	5	
Washington Elementary	3	16	

Individual Healthcare Plans

Nurses collaborate with healthcare providers and parents to develop healthcare plans for students with chronic illnesses or conditions that may affect their school day or attendance. These plans address a variety of conditions, including Asthma, Factor V, Hereditary Spherocytosis, Seizure Disorder, Severe Food or Bee Sting Allergies, Sickle Cell Disease, Type 1 Diabetes, Von Willebrand Disease, Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome, and others.

Health Records

As the district continues its transition toward a more efficient, paperless system, the school nursing team has made significant progress in modernizing student health record management. This year, we began phasing out the use of traditional “green health charts.” Notably, green

charts were no longer created for incoming Kindergarten students, marking an important step toward fully digital recordkeeping.

We are now utilizing FinalForms and SchoolCare as the primary platforms for maintaining student health information. FinalForms serves as the central repository for important documents, including physician orders, medical plans, and other critical health records, ensuring accessibility and organization. SchoolCare is used to document health screenings, monitor immunization compliance, and record daily health office visits, medical incidents, and medication administration.

In addition, the nursing team utilizes a shared digital resource drive, "Nurse Crate," which houses Google Docs and Sheets used to track compliance with regulatory requirements such as Public School Works (PSW) documentation, monthly logs, and other essential processes. This shared system promotes consistency, accountability, and a unified approach across all buildings, ensuring that both the school nurse and health aides operate with a common understanding of expectations and procedures.

These advancements have improved efficiency, enhanced compliance tracking, and strengthened communication within the health services team, ultimately supporting better care for our students.

Medications

Medications are administered in strict accordance with Ohio Revised Code guidelines by both nurses and trained staff. Nurses ensure that all designated trained staff have undergone training based on guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Health. This training is conducted in adherence to the standards outlined by the Ohio Public Works program and ODH.

Staff Training

All Gallipolis City Schools staff are enrolled in Ohio Public Works online safety and compliance training, which includes courses on health, safety, behavior, and social-emotional well-being. Topics covered include Seizure Recognition, AED usage, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, Epinephrine (EpiPen), Heimlich Maneuver, Medication Administration, and Naloxone.

School	Seizures	EpiPen	Heimlich	Narcan	Med admin	Health Manual
Gallia Academy High School	54	54	54	54	54	54
Gallia Academy Middle School	52	52	52	52	5	52
Green Elementary	23	23	23	23	23	23
Rio Grande Elementary	28	28	28	28	28	28

Washington Elementary	11	11	11	11	11	11

Emergency Response Plan: AED Policies

House Bill 47, which went into effect in August 2025, requires all school districts to ensure that an automated external defibrillator (AED) is available in every school building and athletic facility and remains accessible at all times. To meet these requirements, the district has established a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan and conducts emergency preparedness drills quarterly on designated professional development (PD) days.

Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) have been assigned in each building, with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for crises. The district-wide activation code to initiate an ERT response is: "Code Blue – [Designated Location]."

Each school's Emergency Response Plan, detailing procedures, team roles, and AED locations, is maintained in the nurse's office. Building principals are responsible for conducting AED drills every nine weeks and must report the date and time of each drill to Morgan Houck, Lead Nurse.

School	ERT Responder	Role
GAHS	Lisa Jo Blakeman	AED
	Rob Neal	AED
	Adam Clark	AED
	Tracy Tackett	Rescue Meds
	Taylar Dickson	To-go-bag
	Brad Harris (C & 2nd)	responder
	Kevin Malone (1st)	responder
	Cody Call (1st)	responder
	Beth Graham (1st)	responder
	Steven Roderick (1st)	responder
	Lori Ward (STEAM)	responder
	Gary Harrison (STEAM)	responder
GAMS	Justin Bailey	AED
	Scott Seidel	responder
	Renee Barnes	Rescue Meds
	Morgan Houck	To-go-bag
	Cory Camden (Wing)	responder
	Brooke Johnson (2nd)	responder

	Jared McClelland (1st)	responder
Green	Brett Wilson	responder
	Amanda Mossburg	To-go-bag & Rescue Meds
	Doug Cox	responder
	Ben Schlater	responder
	Jaiden Ward	responder
	Kaci Cooke	responder
	Angel Blazer	AED
Rio Grande	Miranda Fortner	responder
	Jill Howard	To-go-bag & Rescue Meds
	Demara Smith	responder
	Shannan Kimes	AED
	Teresa Daniels	Call 911
	Christy Randles	responder
	Lindsay Jackson	responder
Washington	Kim Cochran	responder
	Daniel Tench	responder
	JoBeth Bowcott	To-go-bag & Rescue Meds
	Mindy Foster	responder
	Ashliegh Day	responder
	Molly Levacy	responder
	Lisa Schwall	Call 911
	Janelle Neekamp	AED

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration this year included 99 students across the district. Families attended scheduled appointments at their selected elementary schools, where parents or guardians completed FinalForms and uploaded required enrollment documents.

During these appointments, nursing staff conducted vision and hearing screenings, reviewed immunization records for compliance, and discussed any major medical concerns. Families of students needing additional vaccines received required immunization lists or exemption forms for completion before the 2026–27 school year. Early identification of concerns allows time for follow-up care and helps ensure a healthy, barrier-free start to the school year.

In addition, families were provided with the necessary forms for students who may need to carry emergency medications, such as EpiPens or inhalers, as well as authorization forms for medications to be administered at school.

School	Kindergarten Registration	Screening Fails Identified	Complete Shot Record
Green Elementary	34	7	24
Rio Grande Elementary	19	6	16
Washington Elementary	46	22	39
Total:	**99**	**35**	**79**

Hopewell

Our partnerships with Hopewell Health Services and Health Recovery Services continued to provide in-school counseling support in every building for students facing academic, behavioral, social, and emotional challenges. School nurses and health aides played a vital role in crisis intervention, assessment, and referrals to appropriate services.

School	Hopewell New Referral	Established
Gallia Academy High School	17	46
Gallia Academy Middle School	17	48
Green Elementary	11	21
Rio Grande Elementary	25	19
Washington Elementary	11	10
Total:	**81**	**144**

Donations

Holzer Health System has purchased photoscreeners, valued at approximately $9,000 each, for the SG and GA clinics. These devices will be available for use at all school locations as needed.

Access to a photoscreener provides significant benefits by enabling quick, non-invasive vision screenings for students, particularly young children who may be unable to recognize or communicate vision concerns. Photoscreening can help identify potential vision issues early, allowing for timely referrals and intervention. The availability of shared photoscreeners across

school locations enhances screening efficiency, expands access to vision services, and supports proactive student health and wellness initiatives throughout the organization.

Gallipolis City School District Health Services Coordinator

This year also marked a leadership transition within the Health Services Department. Following the service of Morgan Houck as Senior Nurse, Taylar Dickson assumed the role of District Health Services Coordinator, providing leadership and oversight for the district's health and wellness programs.

Nurse Summary

The 2025–26 school year concluded with our Health Services team working collaboratively to support the health, safety, and academic success of students across the district. Regular nurse meetings on professional development days ensured consistent communication, shared best practices, and alignment of district-wide health procedures.

The nursing team continued utilizing the Nurse Crate and electronic documentation systems, including FinalForms, ProgressBook, ImpactSIIS, and SchoolCare, to improve access to student health records, streamline communication with families, track required documentation, and maintain compliance with state health requirements. These tools have enhanced efficiency, reduced errors, and strengthened coordinated care.

Having dedicated school health professionals in every building remains a tremendous asset to the district. School nurses and health aides provide direct care for illnesses and injuries, manage chronic health conditions, support mental health needs, coordinate care with families and healthcare providers, and help remove health-related barriers to learning. Their presence plays a vital role in promoting student well-being, attendance, and academic success.

Significant progress has been made throughout GCSD this year, and our Health Services team remains committed to providing high-quality care and support for students, staff, and families.

Thank you for your continued support of school health services and the students we serve throughout the 2025–26 school year.

JoBeth Bowcott, LPN, Health Aid

Taylar Dickson, MSN-Ed, RN

Morgan Houck, MSN-Ed, RN

Jillian Howard, Health Aid

Mandy Mossburg, Health Aid

Referrals & Community Partnerships

- **Medical and Health Services**
    - Gallia County Health Department
    - Private Physicians and Dentists
    - Central Ohio Diabetic Camp / CAT Camp – Ohio University Diabetes Camp

- **Mental and Behavioral Health Services**
    - Hopewell Health Centers (Psychologists, MRSS – Mobile Response & Stabilization Services)
    - Integrated Services of Appalachia
    - Text For Hope

- **Youth and Family Support**
    - Gallia County Children's Services
    - Gallia County Snack Pack Program
    - Gallia County Community Christmas Project
    - Presbyterian Shoe Program
- **Community and School-Based Resources**
    - Poppy's and Court Street Ministries
    - Square One
    - Local Churches
    - Gallia County Sheriff
    - GAHS Key Club

Activities & Workshops

- **Immunization and Public Health**
    - Gallia County Health Department COVID & Flu Vaccination Clinic
    - Impact SIIS Immunization Program – Ohio Department of Health
    - Ohio Department of Health Immunization Requirements for School Entry
- **Training and Professional Development**
    - Ohio Board of Nursing Law Class
    - Ohio Department of Health Medication Administration Training
    - Communicable Disease, First Aid, and Child Abuse Training for Staff
    - Vision & Hearing Screening Training – Ohio Department of Health
    - Ohio TRAIN Courses for Nurses
    - Ohio Department of Health School Nurse Conference (In-person)
    - ODH Lead the Nurse – Pilot Program
- **Wellness and School Programs**
    - Intervention Team Assistance
    - Gallipolis City Schools Wellness Team
    - Kickstart Program – Back-to-School Health Initiative through ESC

Equipment	Schools					
	GAHS		GAMS	Green	Rio	Washington
Audiometer	MA9112864		MA9111967	MA9051918	MA9042811	MA9121965
AEDs	x 2		x 3	x 1	x 1	X 2
Trauma Box	x 2		x 2	x 1	x 2	x 2
To-Go-Bag	✔		✔	✔	✔	✔
Vision Equip	SLOAN Chart Letters & Shapes		SLOAN Chart Letters & Shapes	SLOAN Chart LEA Symbols Stereopsis smile Pseudoisochromatic- plates Frosted Lenses Paddle Occluder	SLOAN Chart LEA Symbols Stereopsis smile Pseudoisochromatic - plates Frosted Lenses Paddle Occluder	SLOAN Chart LEA Symbols Stereopsis smile Pseudoisochromatic - plates Frosted Lenses Paddle Occluder
Chromebook	N/A		✔	✔	✔	N/A
Holzer laptop	✔		✔	Missing	✔	✔
TyotCare	Returned		✔	✔	✔	✔
Comm. Chart	✔		✔	✔	✔	✔
EpiPen EAP	✔		✔	✔	✔	✔
Narcan EAP	Pending Board Approval		Pending Board Approval	Pending Board Approval	Pending Board Approval	Pending Board Approval