**Gallipolis City School District**
**Annual Health Report**
**2024-25**

**Nursing Services provided over the 2024-25 school year**

| School | First aid / Direct Care | Home Visits | In-person Parent Contact | Phone Parent Contact | 911 / EMS Activation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gallia Academy High School | 2187 | 0 | 15 | 214 | 5 |
| Gallia Academy Middle School | 2783 | 2 | 25 | 586 | 0 |
| Green Elementary | 1404 | 0 | 21 | 355 | 0 |
| Rio Grande Elementary | 1729 | 5 | 20 | 338 | 0 |
| Washington Elementary | 3061 | 0 | 32 | 38 | 2 |
| **Total:** | **11,164** | **7** | **113** | **1,531** | **7** |

**Number of students with specific medical conditions**

| School | Asthma | Diabetes | Food Allergy | Seizure | Serious Condition |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gallia Academy High School | 50 | 2 | 22 | 14 | 54 |
| Gallia Academy Middle School | 46 | 2 (type 2) | 20 | 6 | 42 |
| Green Elementary | 18 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 13 |
| Rio Grande Elementary | 14 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 17 |
| Washington Elementary | 40 | 1 | 21 | 8 | 28 |
| **Total:** | **168** | **6** | **86** | **37** | **154** |

**Screenings**

All Ohio Department of Health–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. Below is a breakdown of screenings completed at each building.

| School | Vision | | | Hearing | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Screened | Referred | Completed | Screened | Referred | Completed |
| Gallia Academy High School | 194 | 19 | 5 | 137 | 4 | 0 |
| Gallia Academy Middle School | 171 | 22 | 17 | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Green Elementary | 219 | 8 | 7 | 219 | 2 | 0 |
| Rio Grande Elementary | 124 | 17 | 17 | 171 | 5 | 0 |
| Washington Elementary | 66 | 9 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total:** | **774** | **75** | **46** | **633** | **11** | **0** |

**Tuberculin Screening:**
With the appointment of Dr. Fisher as the new Health Commissioner/Medical Director for the Gallia County Health Department (GCHD), the tuberculosis (TB) screening process has been updated. This new process replaces the previous requirement for a TB skin test with a risk assessment questionnaire. All new hires and student enrollments in the Gallipolis City School District (GCSD) must complete the assessment through Final Forms. Current students and staff are required to answer a brief two-question annual screening, also via Final Forms. Individuals identified as at risk will be referred to the GCHD for further evaluation.

**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 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Gallia Academy Middle School | 11 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Green Elementary | 11 | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| Rio Grande Elementary | 5 | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington Elementary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total:** | **38** | **58** | **0** | **0** |

**Vision To Learn: Vision Van**

In past years, Dr. Hannah Davidson from Holzer Health System provided free vision exams to students with identified vision concerns through the Ohio iSee Program. Although this service was not available this year, we were fortunate to be contacted by Vision To Learn: Vision Van, which offered photoscreening to **all** GCSD students present on the screening day.

A total of 1,411 students were screened, with 230 not passing. We then combined those results with students who failed our standard vision screenings. The Vision Van returned to each building to provide full eye exams and prescribe corrective lenses as needed.

In addition, the Vision Van generously offered a free new pair of glasses to any student with an existing prescription. As a result, 230 students received free eye exams, and 247 students received free eyeglasses. This has been an outstanding service, and we are truly grateful for their partnership.

| School | Screened | Referred | Prescribed | Follow-up | Active Rx |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gallia Academy High School | 288 | 58 | 44 | 1 | 20 |
| Gallia Academy Middle School | 329 | 51 | 46 | 1 | 30 |
| Green Elementary | 255 | 33 | 13 | 0 | 8 |
| Rio Grande Elementary | 206 | 19 | 19 | 0 | 29 |
| Washington Elementary | 318 | 69 | 25 | 0 | 19 |
| **Total:** | **1,411** | **230** | **147** | **2** | **100** |

**Medical Reporting Requirements Reminder**

Ohio law requires schools to report annually the number of enrolled students with diabetes, 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 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Gallia Academy Middle School | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Green Elementary** | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Rio Grande Elementary** | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Washington Elementary** | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

**Health Education for Students**
In compliance with SB 288 (Erin's Law), schools are mandated to deliver developmentally appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse prevention to students from kindergarten through 12th grade. This instruction must be conducted annually and cover information on available counseling and resources for children who have experienced sexual abuse.

Recently, PublicSchoolsWorks introduced curricular options, including an approved curriculum from the program SPEAK UP. A training module for K-2 Grade Safety Training and 3-6 Grade Equipped training was presented to all elementary students. For students in grades 7-8 and 9-12, a presentation on Sex Education was provided by Holzer Health Systems.

To ensure transparency, a letter was sent to notify parents and legal guardians of students about the legal requirements regarding child sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention. Parents and legal guardians have the right to examine instructional materials upon request, which must be provided within 48 hours. Additionally, parents were given the option to opt out of educational training for their children if desired.

| School | Sexual Abuse / Violence Training | Opted out |
|---|---|---|
| **Gallia Academy High School** | 320 | 6 |
| **Gallia Academy Middle School** | 290 | 4 |
| **Green Elementary** | 270 | 12 |
| **Rio Grande Elementary** | 220 | 0 |
| **Washington Elementary** | 347 | 9 |

**Athletic Physicals**
Free athletic physicals were offered this year to students in grades 6–11 who participate in interscholastic sports at GAHS. Providers from Holzer Health System conducted the physicals on-site at GAHS, utilizing five exam rooms set up in the locker room area.

A total of **103 GAMS** students, either transported by bus or brought individually, were brought to GAHS in gender-separated groups for efficiency. Combined with **66 GAHS** students, a total of **169 students** received free physicals on May 2.

**Holzer Health System's School-Based Medicine**
Meredith Fallon, Nurse Practitioner with Holzer's School-Based Medicine program, continues to be an incredible asset to our district. With parental consent, she is able to see students during the school day, helping address a wide range of medical needs without requiring students to leave school or miss valuable class time. While this service is available to all school districts in Gallia County, Gallipolis City School District utilizes Meredith's services four times more than any other district in the county, demonstrating both the need and the value of this program for our students.

We are also looking forward to the opening of the new health clinic on the GAHS campus. This dedicated space will expand access to care and serve as a tremendous resource not only for our students but also for the entire community.

| School | School-based Medicine (Meredith) | Total |
|---|---|---|
| **Gallia Academy High School** | 72 | **441** |
| **Gallia Academy Middle School** | 231 | |
| **Green Elementary** | 28 | |
| **Rio Grande Elementary** | 63 | |
| **Washington Elementary** | 47 | |
| ***GCL -** Addaville* | 4 | **124** |
| ***Buckeye Hills*** | 2 | |
| ***GCL -** Hannan Trace* | 2 | |
| ***GCL -** RVHS* | 10 | |
| ***GCL -** RVMS* | 20 | |
| ***GCL -** SGHS & SGMS* | 22 | |
| ***GCL -** Southwestern* | 10 | |
| ***GCL -** Vinton* | 54 | |

**Individual Healthcare Plans**
Nurses collaborate with healthcare providers and parents to develop healthcare plans for students with chronic illnesses or conditions that could impact their school day or attendance. These plans cover a range of issues, including Type 1 Diabetes, Muscular Dystrophy, Hemophilia, Seizure Disorder, Cystic Fibrosis, Celiac Disease, Severe Food or Bee Sting Allergies, Asthma, Endocrine Disorders, and more.

**Health Records**
All student health records have been assessed, confirming compliance with State immunization laws outlined in the Ohio Revised Code. The Gallia County Health Department conducts annual audits of various schools and grade levels within our district to ensure ongoing compliance. Additionally, they offer updates and information pertaining to the Ohio Department of Health's Immunization Program.

**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 Child Abuse Prevention, Seizure Management, EpiPen Administration, Bloodborne Pathogens, AED usage, and more.

| School | Seizures | EpiPen | Heimlich | Narcan | Med admin | Health Manual |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gallia Academy High School | 49 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 12 | 55 |
| Gallia Academy Middle School | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 4 | 52 |
| Green Elementary | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 5 | 34 |
| Rio Grande Elementary | 38 | 38 | 38 | 6 | 6 | 38 |
| Washington Elementary | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 5 | 42 |
| Bus Drivers | 21 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Central Office | 10 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

**Emergency Response Plan: AED Policies**
Beginning in August 2025, House Bill 47 will require all school districts to ensure that an automated external defibrillator (AED) is present in every school building and athletic facility, and that it remains accessible at all times. The law also requires each school to establish an Emergency Response Plan and to conduct emergency preparedness drills quarterly.

In response, Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) have been assigned to each building, with clearly outlined roles and responsibilities for crisis situations. The district-wide activation code for initiating an ERT response is: **"Code Blue – [Designated Location]"**.

Each school's comprehensive Emergency Response Plan, including detailed procedures, role assignments, and maps showing AED locations, is available in the nurse's office. Building principals are responsible for conducting the 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 | Chuck Calvert | AED |
| | Justin Bailey | 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 |
| | Angie Angel | To-go-bag |
| | Doug Cox | responder |
| | Ben Schlater | responder |
| | Erica Preston | AED |
| | Kaci Cooke | responder |
| | Angel Blazer | Rescue Meds |
| Rio Grande | Miranda Fortner | responder |
| | Mary Phoenix | To-go-bag & Rescue Meds |
| | Demara Smith | responder |

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| | 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 |
| | Lisa Schwall | Call 911 |
| | Janelle Neekamp | AED |

**Additional Services**

At GAHS, we maintained the "Devil's Den," a program offering personal hygiene products to any student in need, with donations from teachers, staff, school clubs, and community members. No questions asked. GAMS was able to provide the same service for the middle schoolers and their families. Washington Elementary continued its "Washington Care" initiative, placing personal hygiene products in the building for students to access if needed. Additionally, all other building nurses have been equipped with resources to meet any student needs throughout the year, including shoes, clothes, personal products, and food.

**Kindergarten Registration**

This year, Kindergarten preregistration reached a total of 117 students across the district. Parents attended preregistration appointments at their selected elementary schools, bringing their child along at their reserved time.

While parents/guardians completed Final Forms and uploaded the required enrollment documents, the prospective students received vision and hearing screenings conducted by the nursing staff. Nurses also reviewed each child's immunization records to ensure they met school entry requirements. If a child was missing any required vaccines, parents were provided with a list of needed immunizations or given an exemption form to complete before admission for the 2025–26 school year.

| School | Kindergarten Preregistration |
|---|---|
| **Green Elementary** | 43 |
| **Rio Grande Elementary** | 37 |
| **Washington Elementary** | 37 |
| **Total:** | **117** |

**Hopewell**
Our in-school counseling programs with Hopewell Health Services and Health Recovery Services continued, placing counselors and social workers in each building to support students facing academic, behavioral, social, or other challenges. This year, there has been a significant increase in mental health issues, with nurses playing a crucial role in crisis intervention and referrals.

**Donations**
We were fortunate to receive several generous donations throughout the year that significantly supported our health services, resulting in a total savings of approximately $8,000. Holzer Health System donated two new audiometers to replace outdated units that were over 40 years old and had failed calibration tests during the summer. The Elks Lodge #107 funded the purchase of an additional audiometer. Ohio Valley Electric Corporation: Kyger Creek contributed funding for two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)—one installed in the GAMS Band building to comply with House Bill 47, and the other to replace an 18-year-old device used by the athletic program. Additionally, Grace Methodist Church donated $400 to the nurse fund, which has helped meet a variety of student needs throughout the year.

**Leadership Opportunity**
Out of 2,517 school nurses across the state of Ohio, Morgan Houck was selected as one of 45 participants in the Ohio Department of Health's *School Nursing Lead the Nurse* Pilot Program. This initiative aims to support the development of leadership skills, values, and confidence among school nurse leaders across the state. Participation in the program provides opportunities for professional growth and collaboration with other school nurses, intending to enhance school health services throughout Ohio. The insights and training gained will be used to support and strengthen nursing practices within our school district.

**Nurse Summary**
We wrapped up the 2024–2025 school year as a unified and collaborative team. To ensure consistent communication and aligned expectations, we continued to hold nurse meetings on professional development (PD) days throughout the year. Our team maintained use of the Nurse Crate, a shared Google Drive folder accessible to building administrators, which houses important nursing and school-related information.
We are actively transitioning to a paperless system through Final Forms, beginning with the incoming Kindergarten class. Rather than creating traditional green folders, all relevant documents are now uploaded directly to Final Forms. This shift allows immediate access to important student records and helps us easily identify outdated forms.
We also implemented SchoolCare, an electronic documentation system that integrates with ProgressBook, Final Forms, and ImpactSIIS (the Statewide Immunization Information System). This integration has helped streamline our nursing processes, reduce human error, and ensure compliance with state health requirements. For example, SchoolCare identified students, even as late as 12th grade, who were non-compliant with Kindergarten immunization spacing guidelines. Thanks to this system, we were able to reach out to families and bring students into

compliance. Additionally, SchoolCare allows us to generate detailed daily encounter reports, helping us track and respond to student health needs efficiently and accurately.

Significant strides have been made this year across GCSD, and our nursing team remains committed to supporting student health, enrollment, and academic success.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the 2024–2025 school year!

Angela Angel, Health Aid

JoBeth Bowcott, Health Aid

Taylar Dickson, BSN, RN

Morgan Houck, MSN-Ed, RN

Mary Phoenix, 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