

## **4002 School Health Services 4002**

The objectives of the Health Service is to give leadership and guidance to the development and maintenance of an adequate health program.

The school nurses carry out a wide variety of activities not only in their responsibilities as nurses, but also in their professional relations with the teachers and administrators in the educational field. They contribute directly to the public understanding of educational as well as health needs. They work closely with the medical profession. They have a duty to cooperate with the programs of local, state, and federal agencies in the fields of health, education, and welfare.

The school nurse shall act as a specialist in all matters pertaining to the physical health of the pupils and school staff of the buildings to which she/he has been assigned. Her/his responsibility shall be advisory rather than diagnostic. All treatment given by her/him shall be in the form of first aid or temporary relief. The responsibility for further treatment will rest with the child's parent/guardian or with the individual staff member requiring attention.

The following screening tests may be administered by the nurses as recommended by the Department of Education:

1. Vision Screening
2. Hearing Screening
3. Height and Weight
4. Inspection of Heads for Pediculosis
5. Scoliosis Screening
6. Blood Pressure Screening
7. Dental Screening

The nurses will keep health records on all students. These records are available for review by the school administration.

The nurses will inform the classroom teacher, guidance personnel, principal, and parent/guardian of specific individual physical needs of any student.

Parents/guardians are urged to contact the school nurse to confer about health problems concerning their children.

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