Health Service Overview

Health Services Goal: Helping students be healthy, safe and ready to learn.

Health Services Mission:
To support the district’s goal to equip our students to achieve academic success by providing quality school nursing services, including linking students and their families to an array of school-based and community health and social services ranging from prevention to treatment.

School Nurse Role:
The school nurse’s primary role is to support student health and academic success by contributing to a healthy and safe school environment. School nurses are active members of the educational team and support the district’s strategic plan aimed at increasing student success, implementing effective instructional strategies, strengthening resources for diverse populations and more. School Nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that identifies and addresses medical conditions that may impact the student’s ability to achieve the district’s performance standards. School nurse responsibilities include the following: providing emergency care, managing acute and chronic health conditions, make referrals and support access to primary care, providing preventive services (including immunizations) and communicable disease control measures, counseling for health promotion, and identification and management of health-related barriers to student learning (NASN, 2020).

Health Services is just one of ten components for addressing health in schools according to the Center of Disease Control’s (CDC’s), The Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child, or WSCC model (CDC, 2020).

DPS School Nurses:
- Are Bachelor’s prepared Registered Nurses
- Are Licensed School Nurses through the Ohio Department of Education
- Adhere to laws and rules of the Ohio Board of Nursing and the professional standards of the National Association of School Nurses
  Note: Some have a Master’s Degree and some are National Certified School Nurses

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