Health Services in a Nutshell

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School Clinic Staff Roles

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What is health services?

“Definition of School Nursing: a specialized practice of nursing, protects and promotes student health, facilitates optimal development, and advances academic success. School nurses, grounded in ethical and evidence-based practice, are the leaders who bridge healthcare and education, provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and collaborate to design systems that allow individuals and communities to develop their full potential. Approved by the NASN Board of Directors February 2017” (DSHS, 2017).

Health services is the department that maintains, guides, educates, leads, the nursing department.
Health Services Guidelines

Health Services not only follows Texas Education Laws, it must also follow rules and regulations from the following:

- TX Department of Health & Human Services
- Nurse Practice Act
- TX Board of Nursing
- National Association of School Nursing
- Texas School Nurse Organization
- Texas Administrative Code 37.538
- CDC
Health Services Collaboration Efforts

To increase health and wellness and promote resources our department collaborate with these organizations to help students and their parents.

- Essilor
- GPISD Fire Department
- GPISD Police Department
- Care-van
- Passport
- Medicaid
- Parkland
- GP Lions Club
- Medical Clinics in the area
- District Health Fairs
- And many more organizations
Positions in the Clinic

- RN - Supervises and maintains the clinic
- LVN - Work under the RN and practice within their scope of practice. There are a few things they are limited in.
- MA or CNA - work under RN and/or LVN and their role is to assist the clinic nurse in basic functions within their scope of practice.

Each campus is different and may not have all of these positions available.
The Board of Nursing believes that school nursing is a professional RN specialty. The RN has the educational preparation and critical thinking skills as well as clinical expertise which are essential to nursing in the school setting. These activities involve the comprehensive assessment of the nursing/health care needs of the student, the development of a plan of care, implementation of the plan, and evaluation of the outcomes. The provision of these services by the RN contributes directly to the students’ education and to the successful outcome of the educational process.

The Role of the Clinic Staff

In addition to providing basic nursing care School Nurses and clinic staff educate and promote awareness:

- Stop the Bleed
- CPR
- Family Life
- Unlicensed Diabetic Care Assistants
- Blood Borne Pathogens
- Campus specific health care needs
- Disease Process and Prevention Education
- Immunization clinics
School Nurses Research, Application, and Prevention Efforts

- Flu Surveillance
- COVID Reporting
- Contact Tracing
- Communicable Disease Planning
- Emergency Response Planning
- ARD/ 504/ RTI/ SPED meetings

School Nurses collaborate with other departments in the community and other even school district(s).
Parents can voice their health-related concerns through SHAC.

A School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is a group appointed by the school district to serve at the district level. Members of the SHAC come from different areas of the community and from within the school district.
Immunizations
Guidelines
Texas State Law requirements

Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K-12

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, §§597.61-97.72. This document is not intended as a substitute for the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services (DHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Texas Education Code, Chapter 38.

Webinar - 2022 Texas DSHS School Nurse Workshop (PDF)

2022-2023 Immunization Requirements for Schools

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IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

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NOTE: Shaded area indicates that the vaccine is not required for the respective grade.

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Immunizations Tab

• You can visit the GPISD Health Services Website

• Under the immunizations tab for more information related to this topic.

• [https://www.gpisd.org/Page/45107](https://www.gpisd.org/Page/45107)
Medications

Guidelines
GPISD Health Services
Medication Policies and Procedures

Website:
https://www.gpisd.org/Page/37052

GPISD Policies and Procedures for medications administration are aligned and drawn from Texas Education Code Laws, chapter 5.

If your child receives medication during school hours, every school year a new medication form must be completed to administer medication in schools. It must be signed by PCP and parent. You can find these forms in the GPISD Website under Department > Health Services. Forms include those for asthma or emergency medication.
Current Clinic Trends

What schools' nurses are facing these days.

Elementary:

- Playground / Recess injuries
- Toileting
- Sending Ill Students to school
- Delay in response from parents regarding ill child.
- Immunizations PK – K noncompliance
Current Clinic Trends

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Secondary: Middle Schools

- fighting
- Tik Tok Challenges: ex. One chip challenge
- Asthma medication noncompliance,
- Lack of communication between parent and nurse
- Noncompliance immunizations 6 going to 7
Current Clinic Trends

What school nurses are facing these days.

High School setting:

- Fighting
- Drug possession / intoxication
- Pregnancy
- Attendance concerns
- Immunizations
- Tik Tok Challenges: ex. One chip challenge
Meet your Health Services Administrative Team
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• Responsible for the management and coordination of all school health service policies, administrative regulations, activities and resources, including program administration, implementation and evaluation of health services staff.
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Responsible for assisting the Director of Health Services in the management and coordination of all school health services. Coordinate and manage staffing of all campus health services staff. Assists in new staff training and as resource for all health services staff.
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Responsibilities:

• Theories and principles of Nursing Education
• Curriculum design and implementation of health services nursing education in the district
• Nursing practice mentoring program application
• Research and evidence in Nursing at educational level
• Communication, collaboration, and partnership in district
• Ethical/ legal principles and professionalism in health services.
• Monitoring and evaluation collaboration with Director of Health Services.
• Management, leadership and advocacy for nursing staff, students, staff and parents.
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Responsibilities:

• Promoting health in Special Education students.
• Helping bridge the gap between nursing and education in Special Educational needs students.
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Responsibilities:
• Case Management
• Prenatal & Childbirth Education with Injoy Curriculum
• Parenting Education
• Home Instruction
• Assistance in Acquiring Childcare
• Transportation
• Coordination of Services Based on Needs Assessment
• Counseling: Individual, Peer, Self-help, Career
• Attendance Monitoring

Goal:
Grand Prairie offers Pregnancy Related Services (PRS) supports, including Compensatory Education Home Instruction (CEHI) for eligible students during the pregnancy and postpartum periods. The program is designed to assist both male and female students in becoming excellent parents while also meeting graduation requirements and setting college and career goals.
Thank you for taking the time to learn about GPISD Health Services
We hope you have a wonderful school year!
References:

