

Personnel

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School nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievement of students. School nurses focus on health promotion, health counseling, and efforts to assure a healthy, safe environment as well as prevention, case finding, early intervention, correction, and management of health problems for both students and staff.

The school nurse is responsible to the District Nurse and to the Principal of the building(s) in which the nurse is working. The District Nurse and the Principals shall work together to formulate a schedule for each school nurse.

The school nurse follows the Professional School Nurse Health and Performance Standards. The school nurse is evaluated by the Principal using the Evaluation of the Professional School Nurse. If there are questions or concerns regarding this evaluation, the District Nurse will be consulted.

Health education is a primary function of school nurses. Good health promotes optimal learning. The school nurse is a resource person and works in conjunction with school staff to promote a healthy lifestyle for students and staff.

School nurses are constantly alert to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. The school nurses work with the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Marshall County Public Health and community health providers to maintain a healthy school environment for students and staff. Health information is provided to parents and the community to help maintain this

healthy environment.

The District Nurse reviews school health policies and informs the Board of Education of any recommendations to change these policies.

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