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The School Health Service Act of 1974 placed emphasis on School Health Services Programs throughout the state of Florida. The success of the School Health Services Program in Duval County schools, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Health in Duval County, is dependent upon all personnel involved and their adherence to school health policies and procedures in accordance with Florida Statutes.

School Health Services Act

381.0056 F.S. School Health Services Program —

(1) This section may be cited as the “School Health Services Act.”

(2) : As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Emergency Health Needs” means onsite management and aid for illness or injury pending the student’s return to the classroom or release to a parent, guardian, designated friend, law enforcement officer, or designated health care provider.

(b) “Entity” or “Health Care Entity” means a unit of local government or a political subdivision of the state; a hospital licensed under chapter 395; a health maintenance organization certified under chapter 641; a health insurer authorized under the Florida Insurance Code; a community health center; a migrant health center; a federally qualified health center; an organization that meets the requirements for nonprofit status under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; a private industry or business; or a philanthropic foundation that agrees to participate in a public-private partnership with a county health department, local school district, or school in the delivery of school health services, and agrees to the terms and conditions for the delivery of such services as required by this section and as documented in the local school health services plan.

(c) “Invasive Screening” means any screening procedure in which the skin or any body orifice is penetrated.

(d) “Physical Examination” means a thorough evaluation of the health status of an individual.

(e) “School Health Services Plan” means the document that describes the services to be provided, the responsibility for provision of the services, the anticipated expenditures to provide the services, and evidence of cooperative planning by local school districts and county health departments.

(f) “Screening” means p 0 Td()Tj-9 (m)-6 (e)10 TD[pr]-6 (-)-6.6 (he)10.6 (5(a)10.5di)2.7 (t)-6.7 (ut)-ear

- (9) Any health care entity that provides school health services under contract with the department pursuant to a school health services plan developed under this section, and as part of a school nurse services public-private partnership, is deemed to be a corporation acting primarily as an instrumentality of the state solely for the purpose of limiting liability pursuant to s. [768.28\(5\)](#). The limitations on tort actions contained in s. [768.28\(5\)](#) shall apply to any action against the entity with respect to the provision of school health services, if the entity is acting within the scope of and pursuant to guidelines established in the contract or by rule of the department. The contract must require the entity, or the partnership on behalf of the entity, to obtain general liability insurance coverage, with any additional endorsement necessary to insure the entity for liability assumed by its contract with the department. The Legislature intends that insurance be purchased by entities, or by partnerships on behalf of the entity, to cover all liability claims, and under no circumstances shall the state or the department be responsible for payment of any claims or defense costs for claims brought against the entity or its subcontractor for services performed under the contract with the department. This subsection does not preclude consideration by the Legislature for payment by the state of any claims bill involving an entity contracting with the department pursuant to this section.

School Health Services Program Overview

The School Health Services Program is designed to appraise and promote the health of students in the school environment. The program provides the following services to students:

- Vision screening, referral and follow up S175

health system and help assure that Florida's students are healthy, in the classroom, and ready to learn. School health services supplement, rather than replace, parental responsibility and encourage parents' attention to student health. Emphasis is placed on encouraging and assisting parents and teachers in early identification of health problems of students that may interfere with the educational process. In cooperation with parents, school personnel and other health professionals, the school health nurse will plan appropriate action in the interest of student health. The School Health Nursing Services in Duval County Public Schools are delivered through three

Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP)

The definition of unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) is persons who do not hold licensure from the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department of Health

A School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), which is mandated by the School Health Services Act (FS. 381.0056) is an advisory group composed of school, health and community representatives who act collectively to provide advocacy for school health and identify needs and opportunities to maximize community resources.

The SHAC must include members who represent the ten component areas of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The ten component areas include health education, physical education, nutrition, school health services, guidance, psychological and social services, healthy school environment, staff wellness and family and community involvement.

The Florida's Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model (FSWSC) - 6.6 (H6.7 (he t)v35 Tw 0.0/MCID 5 BDC)-2.1 (i)ent.

- Locking file cabinet for student health records (FERPA)
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- Toilet rooms have exhaust fans vented to the exterior.
- Space for student beds is provided in each clinic. Space for beds in secondary schools is separated for male and female students.
- Each bed is provided with a cleanable plastic-covered mattress and pillow.
- Clean, disposable mats are provided for each patient.
- The reception area/office is able to maintain visual supervision of the bed area.

Clinics (Full-Service Schools Program) Full-service school clinics include:

- One (1) accessible toilet room for males complete with water closet, lavatory, and accessories, and one (1) accessible toilet room for females complete with water closet, lavatory, and accessories.

- Be considered an essential facility. The health room is the focal point for operation of an effective school health program and provides direct services to students. The lack of an adequate health room will seriously hamper the delivery of school health services.
- Have ready access to the student emergency information.

Recommended Health Room Supplies

- Adhesive tape, 1”
- Alcohol Prep Pads
- Band aids
- Cold packs or ice bag
- Cotton balls
- Eye Wash
- Gauze pads
- Gloves, non-latex
- Facial tissue
- Non-Adhering Pads-various sizes
- Paper cups
- Tongue blades (unsterile, not for oral use)
- Safety pins
- Sanitary pads
- Scissors
- Soap
- Thermometers
- Stationary box that can be locked for student medications.
- Portable, insulated, locked container for medications on field trips.
- Cots/Exam table, covering (paper roll).
- 2” Kling gauze or rolled gauze
- Zip lock bags

School Health Room Staffing

School health rooms are generally staffed by the UAP in the Duval County Public Schools with the exception of some schools that house students with special medical needs. In those schools, a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) may be utilized. UAP who assist in health room services must be certified in cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid. It is recommended that **any** school staff providing health services also be certified in CPR and First Aid. All UAP must receive student specific training in order to assist in providing selected services.

Referral Procedure

Students may be referred to the school nurse by school personnel or students may refer themselves. Some referrals may be obtained from a review of health records. School personnel should be alert to any changes in appearance or behavior of a student and refer a student accordingly. The continual observation of the student in the school environment constitutes an important component of the overall health appraisal.

School personnel must provide the name of the student, grade level and/or teacher's name to the nurse who will in turn initiate the proper documentation for the referral.

Identification of Students with Chronic Health Problems

The school nurse will flag the cumulative record of students with chronic health problems identified through student record review, information gathered from school personnel, parents, health care provider and/or other health documentation. The nurse will inform necessary school personnel of the condition and insert any Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) into the cumulative record as warranted. An appropriate Chronic Health Problem Fact Sheet may also be inserted in the student record. The nurse will follow up as indicated.

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Guide for School Personnel

The following is designed to assist school personnel in planning to meet student health requirements, manage emergencies and address other health needs in accordance with Florida laws and the approved School Health Services Plan.

Requirements for Enrollment

- Florida Certificate of Immunization or an exemption applies to all students in grades prekindergarten through grade 12. (DH form 680)
- Certification of a School Entry Health Examination or an exemption for students initially

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