

SCHOOL NURSE

QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

A valid health and development or standard designated services credential with specialization in health; audiometric certificate.

Desirable:

SALARY

Teachers' Salary Schedule.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The school nurse conducts a health services program for the evaluation, improvement, and protection of the health of students and school personnel in accordance with state law and district policies and procedures.

MAJOR DUTIES

Assists the superintendent and principal on the formulation of policies, standards, and objectives of the health program. *E*

Works with the administration/pupil personnel services staff for the exchange of information concerning the students. *E*

Coordinates emergency service for injuries and sudden illnesses and follow up completion of accident reports. *E*

Appraises the health status of pupils and serves as health consultant for school personnel; assists the physical education department in having physical examinations done on pupils participating in interscholastic competitive sports; advises parents to have physical examinations done on students whose health status appears to interfere with their education. *E*

Administers vision and hearing tests regularly including Snellen vision tests on sophomores, new students, and referrals (in conjunction with Traffic & Safety), and hearing tests on sophomores, new students, and referrals (in conjunction with Traffic & Safety). *E*

Informs parents, teachers, and pupils concerning these appraisal findings and refer them for these defects. *E*

Assists in the identification, education, and placement of handicapped students as well as acquaint them with community resources available. *E*

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Counsels pregnant students and encourage them to attend the School Age Mothers program (SAM) offered by the district to continue their education. *E*

Initiates home teaching form and carry through arrangements to benefit students unable to attend school because of illness for three weeks or more. *E*

Assists with preventing and controlling communicable diseases and keeps in close touch with local health department concerning new policies--all students absent due to communicable diseases (throat infections included) should be checked by the nurse before admission to class. *E*

Assists physical education and administration/pupil personnel services staff in obtaining permission slips from family physicians for those students who are returning to activities following an accident or severe illness. *E*

Coordinates identification and placement of students eligible for Adapted Physical Education. *E*

Maintains a health record on each student in the school and a current emergency card. *E*

Provides health counseling for students; makes each health service an educational opportunity; provides students with information concerning their own health problems; motivates students and families to accept needed treatment; promotes each student's acceptance of responsibility for his/her own health in keeping with his/her age. *E*

Serves as health education resource person for school staff. *E*

Works with community groups toward maintaining a good health program. *E*

Assists with the inspection of the school environment for hazards and sanitation. *E*

Attends meetings of the District Health Council once a month. *E*

Attends coordinating nurse's meetings twice a month. *E*

Maintains and promotes professional growth by attending health workshops, conferences, and university programs. *E*

Assists in planning the budget for health services.

Administers tuberculin skin tests to employees as needed.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environment:

Health office environment; subject to driving a vehicle to conduct work, exposure to communicable or infectious diseases, and emergency medical situations.

Physical Abilities:

Sitting or standing for extended periods of time, hearing and speaking to exchange information and make presentations, walking, and bending at the waist and turning/twisting to examine students, dexterity of hands and fingers to operate specialized health services and standard office equipment.

Hazards:

Potential for contact with blood-borne pathogens and communicable diseases.