School Health Services Programs: An Overview

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School Health Services in Maryland

- Mandates governing School Health Services
  - Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article Section 7 - Health and Safety of Students
    - §7–401 – Provision for adequate school health services
  - Other laws
- Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.05.05.05-.15
  - School Health Services Standards
- Registered Nurse – leader of the school health team and uses the title school nurse
Staffing Patterns for School Health Services Programs in Maryland Public Schools

• School Health Services Coordinators – Provide supervision, leadership, and guidance to the local school health services programs
  • Management of Chronic Diseases, Health Emergencies, Hearing and Vision Screening, Medication administration, Policy development and implementation, etc.

• Staffing patterns vary across the state:
  • RN in every school every day and all day
  • RN assigned to two or three schools and works with other school health staff, e.g. LPN, CNA, CMT
  • RN and LPN, RN and CNA, or RN and CMT
School Health Services

• Overall, school health services programs provide for the health and safety of students during the school day and school-sponsored events/activities
• Adhere to the mandates for the management of chronic diseases and other health conditions in the school setting
• Serve on various education and health committees within the school setting and school community
• Work collaboratively with local health department and local school systems to provide a safe and health environment for students.
Summary

• For more information visit the state school health services website at www.mdschoolhealthservices.org

• National websites:
  • National Association of School Nurses www.nasn.org
  • CDC Health Schools – School Health Services: https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/schoolhealthservices.htm

Thank you.