

School Health Services Programs: An Overview

Alicia Mezu, Health Services Specialist

June 10, 2020

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.