

What is School Health Services?

School Health Services is an essential component of the overall school program.

In Delaware, a full-time school nurse (Registered Nurse) is available to all children in every public school.

Professional school nurses support the individual health and well-being of each child.

They work closely with the children, their families, the school staff and community partners to help children fully participate in school and its varied activities.

Please contact your child's school to meet the School Nurse to discuss any health needs or concerns to best support your child during the school day.



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Delaware School Health Services



Bridging health care and education to keep children healthy, safe, in school and ready to learn.

Is your child starting pre-kindergarten or kindergarten?

What can the School Nurse provide for your child?

- Management of the health care needs of your child
- Nursing care and treatment for illnesses and injuries
- Administration of medications and treatments
- Hearing, vision, and health screenings with referrals as needed
- Serve as a liaison for your family between healthcare providers and the school
- Assist with written education plans (Individualized Education Program (IEP) and 504 Plan)
- Provide information and referrals to community resources for food, clothing, and other services



What are the health related school entry requirements?

✓ Vaccinations

- 5 or more doses of Tetanus vaccine (DTaP or DTP) unless 4th dose was given after the 4th birthday
- 4 doses of Polio vaccine (IPV or OPV) unless the 3rd dose was given after the 4th birthday
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)
- 2 doses of Varicella Vaccine (Chicken pox) or disease history documented by the healthcare provider

✓ Physical Examination

- Completed within the 2 years prior to entry into school

✓ Tuberculosis Test

- Skin Test or Risk Assessment

✓ Lead Blood Test Date

Contact your child's doctor for the vaccination record, physical examination form, tuberculosis test, and lead blood test date.

Do you have further questions?

Contact your child's school to answer:

- When is the first day of school?
- Where can I find a calendar of holiday and vacation days?
- How will my child be transported to school? Where is our bus stop?
- Are there morning or after school programs available?
- What Child Nutrition Programs are available to my child?
- When is the Open House or Curriculum Night?
- What do I do if I have concerns about my child's development or behavior?
- What can I do to prepare my child for the first day of school?
- How can I become involved in the school's culture?

Resource

Contact Delaware 2-1-1 for help with healthcare and other services.

Dial: 2-1-1 or 1-800-560-3372

Text: 302-231-1464