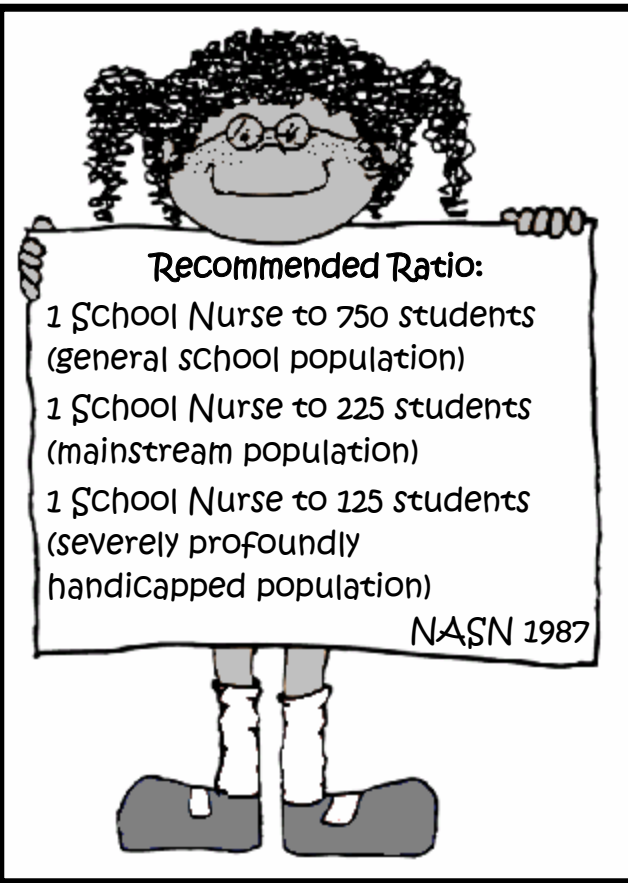


History of School Nursing

Since 1902 when Lillian Wald assigned nurses to selected schools in New York City, school nursing has held an important and distinct place in the discipline of nursing.

Today, the National Association of School Nurses defines school nursing as "a specialty branch of professional nursing that seeks to prevent or identify student health or health-related problems and intervenes to modify or remediate these problems. A comprehensive school health program includes delivery of health services and health education which directly contributes to the student's education as well as health of the family and community."

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Recommended Ratio:

- 1 School Nurse to 750 students (general school population)
- 1 School Nurse to 225 students (mainstream population)
- 1 School Nurse to 125 students (severely profoundly handicapped population)

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The School Nurses Role in Student Educational Success

Provider of Student Health Services

- Identifies students with special needs.
- Performs limited health assessment of students.
- Develops nursing care plans, emergency health plans, individualized health plans.
- Provides for emergency care for illness and injury.
- Supervises prescribed treatments and administration of medications to students and provides training for other school personnel.
- Conducts health promotion programs for school staff.
- Works with school staff to prevent health problems from becoming reasons for poor performance.

Manager of Student Health Care

- Helps to develop school health policies.
- Makes sure that policies and procedures adhere to laws and standards of nursing practice.
- Monitors students' compliance with state immunization laws.
- Monitors communicable diseases.
- Refers students with health problems for care.
- Serves as liaison and resource person between home, school, health care provider and community organizations.
- Coordinates health care in school for students with chronic handicapping conditions.

Educator / Counselor

- Interprets student health needs to family and school staff.
- Provides home visits.
- Develops support groups.
- Provides information for community resources and supports family in finding and using treatment services.
- Works with staff development to develop workshops and in-service training for staff.
- Provides counseling for students with health problems causing adjustment and limitations in school.
- Provides as classroom resource on health topics.



School Nurses Support Educational Success in North Carolina