



Gilpin County School Health Office Information

Dear Parent/Guardians:

Health services are provided to the Gilpin County School District through a full-time health assistant and through consultation from The Children's Hospital School Health Program. The School Nurse Consultant functions as a liaison between the school, the community and The Children's Hospital by providing information, referrals and resources. The consultant assists the school to provide the safest, most appropriate health care within the school setting.

Services provided by the School Nurse Consultant may include:

- Monitor the health of all students
- Monitor for infectious diseases
- Oversee Immunization documentation and compliance
- Supervise and/or conduct vision and hearing screenings
- Development of Health Care Plans for students with chronic health conditions
- Consultation for health related issues which may arise at school
- Training and supervision for medication administration
- Training and supervision of special health procedures

The School Nurse Consultant provides supervision, training, delegation and contributes in the evaluation of the paraprofessional staff (Health Assistant) who provides direct health services.

The paraprofessional is a non-medical person employed by the district. The Health Assistant is certified in CPR and First Aid.

Services provided by the Health Assistant may include:

- Provides First Aid
- Administers routine medications prescribed by a physician
- Conducts vision and hearing screening
- Maintains health files including immunization records
- Notifies the Nurse Consultant of students health concerns or infectious diseases

The Health Assistant cannot give medical opinions concerning your child's health. The health office does not function as a clinic. If your child needs medical attention, please contact your health care provider.

*** All medications administered at school must be prescribed by a health care provider. If your child requires any medication at school please contact the health office and pick up a Medication Authorization Form to be filled out by your health provider and signed by the parent/guardian.** The school will not provide any medications to students.

I hope this information helps clarify the health services provided at your child's school. If you have any concerns/questions please contact the health office at the number listed below. We look forward to helping provide safe and appropriate care for your child while they are at school.

Sincerely,

Wendy Moore, RN School Nurse Consultant

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