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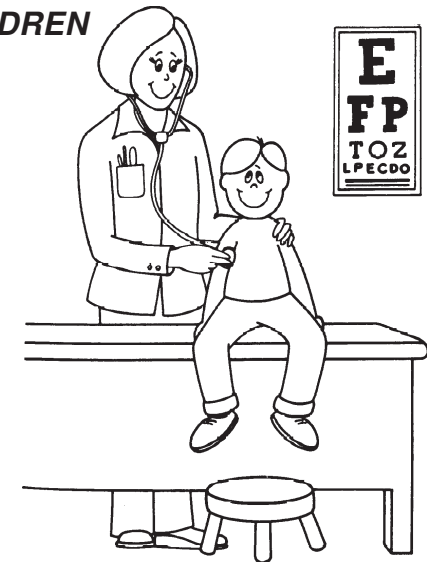


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SCHOOL NURSES

**HOW THEY CARE
FOR YOUR CHILDREN**



Greensburg Salem School Nurses

Margery Okonak RN., CSN., MSN.

Hutchinson/Metzgar/Nicely Elementary Schools

Tammy Gladkowski RN., BSN., CSN.

Middle School

Pamela Ross RN., BSN., CSN.

High School

The School Nurse

School nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well being, academic success, and life-long achievement of students. To that end, school nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development; promote health and safety; intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide case management services; and actively collaborate with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self-management, self-advocacy, and learning. (NASN, 1999)

The School Nurse Provides These Services that are Mandated by Pennsylvania Law:

- **Vision Screening:** Grades K - 12
- **Hearing Screening:** Grades K - 3, 7, 11, all new students and any child with a known hearing loss.
- **Height, Weight, BMI:** Grades K - 12
- **Physical Exams:** Grades K, 6, 11
- **Dental Exams:** Grades 1, 3, 7
- **Scoliosis Screening:** Grades 6, 7

Sick and Emergency Care

The school nurses are responsible for the students in more than one building; therefore, first aid may be provided by the principal or another designee when the nurse is not in the building.

If your child has an illness that is accompanied by a temperature of more than 100 degrees and/or has vomiting/diarrhea, the child will not be permitted to remain in school.

The school nurse will exclude for any signs of potential communicable disease as well, such as conjunctivitis (pink eye), lice, skin rash, impetigo, scarlet fever, chicken pox.

The school nurse will provide first aid for injuries according to the school physician's orders. If additional care is needed, the parent/guardian or designee on emergency card will be notified. If the school nurse is not in the building, the principal or a designee will provide care. The school nurse is on call for consultation during the school day.

Other Duties

The school nurse is also available to talk to students as well as parents and staff concerning health problems and concerns. The school nurse also acts as an educator, teaching students as well as parents about health and hygiene. The nurse may provide educational programs for students as needed as well as for the staff and community.

Finally, the school nurse is in charge of keeping the necessary health records on each student. Immunization records are maintained on each student.

Immunization Requirements for Attendance in all Grades:

- **4 doses of tetanus***
(1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- **4 doses of diphtheria***
(1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- **3 doses of polio**
- **2 doses of measles****
- **2 doses of mumps****
- **1 dose of rubella (German measles)****
- **3 doses of hepatitis "B"** (Properly Spaced)
- **2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of the disease**
* Usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT or Td
** Usually given as MMR

NOTE: Measles, mumps, rubella must be given **after** the first birthday.

An official copy of immunizations from a physician's office or health center must be submitted to the school nurse before kindergarten registration can be completed.

Immunization Requirements for Seventh Grade Students:

- **1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)**
(if 5 years have elapsed since last tetanus immunization)
- **1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)**