

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEBRASKA

INTRODUCTION

These **Guidelines** are produced by the DHHS Division of Public Health School Health Program to support the successful implementation of school health services in Nebraska schools. They describe the activities and practices of professional school nurses and others. The DHHS School Health Program is funded through federal Maternal Child Health Title V Block Grant funds. Use of these resources for school health in Nebraska, as well as for early childhood, adolescent, and perinatal-infant health activities, underscores the important and valuable contributions made by school nurses and schools in achieving child health objectives in Nebraska communities.

The **State School Nurse Consultant** in the DHHS School Health Program provides expert nursing consultation and training services in the area of school and child health. The scope of the program includes the safety and well-being of children at school and in communities, particularly assisting schools to provide quality care to children with special health care needs. The nurse consultant offers information, resources, and perspective in response to requests in order to support the delivery of quality school health services to children and families throughout Nebraska.

These guidelines are intended to promote the delivery of **evidence-based, data-driven, recommended and best practices** in school. Implementing a quality school health program utilizing these guidelines contributes to a school environment that contributes to student learning and success. Where possible, the Guidelines reference and **incorporate federal laws, state statutes, and regulations** where they exist and are applicable to school health, current as of 2012.

In these guidelines, we bring forward numerous **resources** that are readily accessible at the time of publication, to support the work of the school nurse. We apologize in advance for web addresses found to be no longer active. Please contact the program and we will try to update.

These guidelines do not replace **local school policy**. In many areas, they are intended to stimulate the development of local school policy on health topics.

For more information, contact the DHHS Division of Public Health, School Health Program at 402-471-1373 or see our website at:
<http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/schoolhealth.aspx>

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