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School Nursing Report

2018/2019

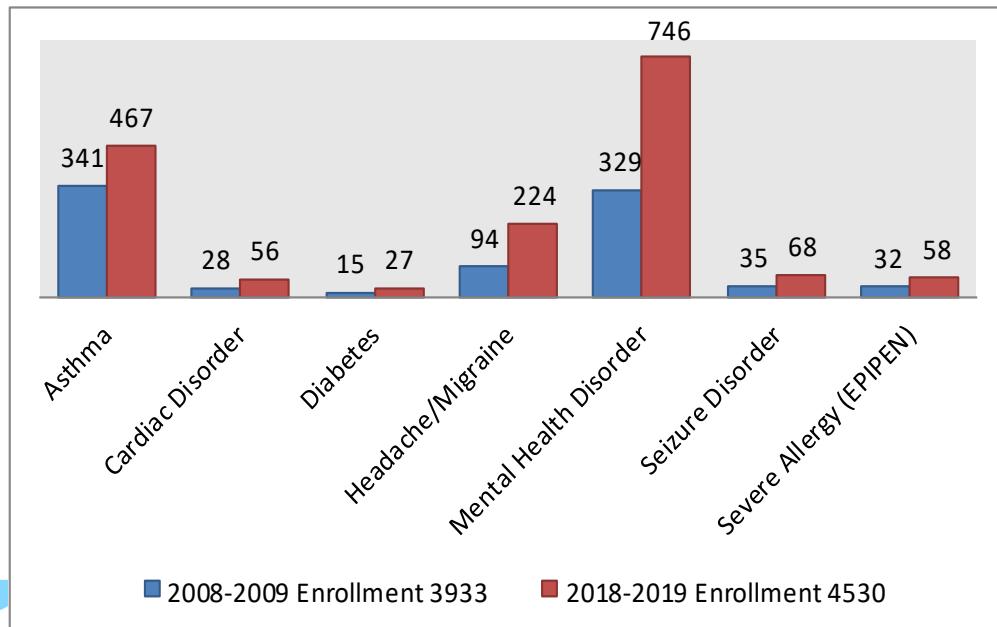
Student Health & Safety



The school nurse provides expertise and oversight for the provision of school health services and health promotion. School nurses are responsible and accountable for the assessment of and planning for safe and effective management of students with acute and chronic health conditions. The percentage of children in the United States with chronic health conditions continues to rise. The health care needs of students with chronic conditions are complex and continuous. School nurses use their specialized knowledge and assessment skills to manage children’s increasingly complex medical conditions to prevent complications when at school. Research shows that healthier students are better learners. School nurses help students stay healthy and stay in school.

A Comparison of Health Trends Over the Past 10 Years

District Data– Number of Students with These Identified Health Conditions





“We cannot educate children unless they are healthy, and children cannot be healthy unless they are educated...”
Jocelyn Elders, MD



Direct Care For Students

The Kings School Nurses provide direct care to students and staff for illness and injury as well as case management services for students with special health care needs. During the 2018-2019 school year, there were **27,273** documented health room visits. Research has demonstrated that when students are seen by school nurses versus being seen by unlicensed personnel, the rate of student absenteeism decreases. This past school year, **90%** of student clinic visits resulted in a return to the classroom.

Medication administration at school is necessary for students in order to minimize any barriers to the process of education. The number of doses of medications and treatments administered at school during the 2018-2019 school year was **15,212**. School nurses ensure the safe delivery of medications while students are here on campus as well as when they are away on field trips.

Safe and Healthy Schools

As the health care expert in the school setting, the school nurse develops plans of care for students. These plans of care assure the safety of students with health needs. Health plans are shared with educational staff in a confidential manner.

The school nurse provides for the safety of the school community by ensuring state immunization compliance against infectious diseases and excluding ill students as appropriate to decrease the spread of infection to others.

The school nurse promotes health by providing health education and health information for students, families, and staff.

School & Community Health Connections

Health screenings are important in that early detection of health concerns can decrease the negative effects of health problems on learning. Early identification, referrals to health providers, and partnership with community agencies are imperative for student success. There were **5,831** health screenings done last year with **214** referrals. The nurses at Kings have partnered with Prevent Blindness of Ohio and are able to assist families with exams and glasses. School Nurses are also able to give families gift certificates for exams and glasses by belonging to the National Association of School Nurses.

The school nurse is the liaison between schools, families, health care professionals and community partners. Our school nurses made **7,014** contacts with parents either via telephone or personal meetings to discuss student health concerns last year. School nurses also collaborate with community resources for onsite programming such as mobile mammography, mobile dentists, flu immunization, and American Red Cross programs.