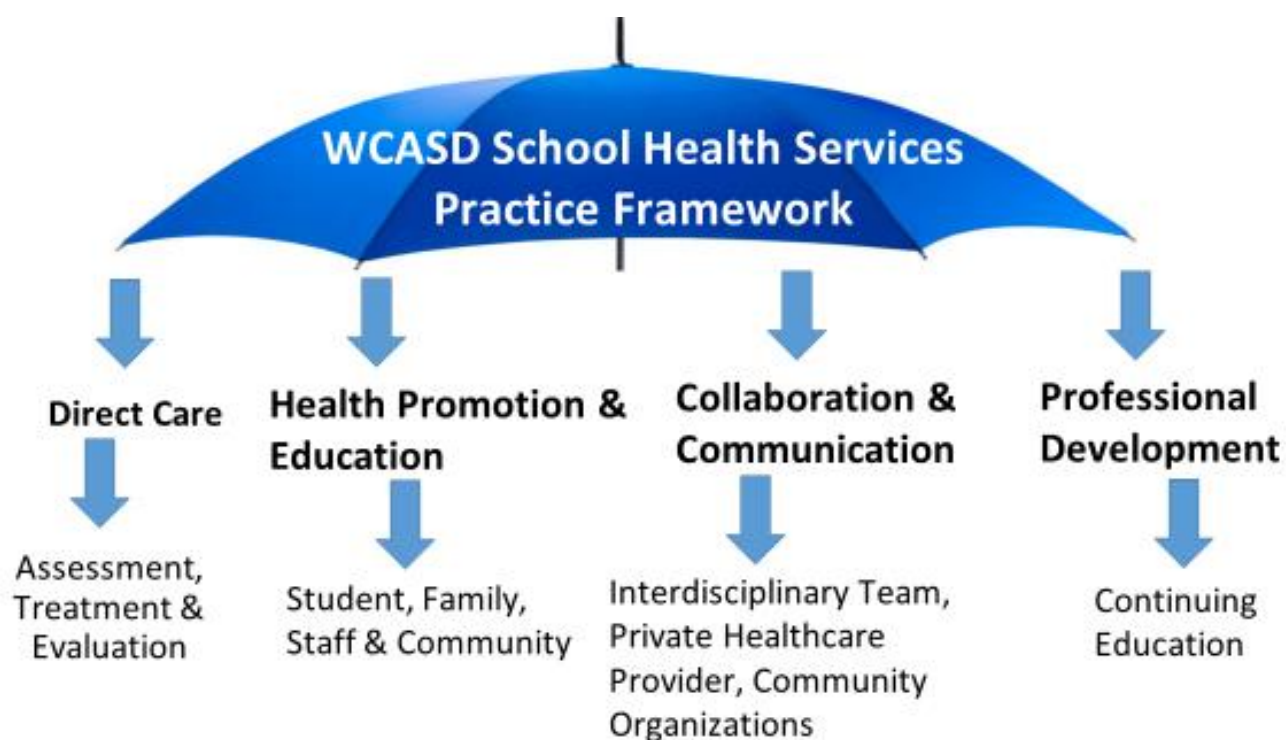


WCASD School Health Services Practice Framework

Mission:

School nursing is a unique specialty within the education system that requires specialized knowledge, skills, and decision making to provide the best possible nursing care with the best possible outcomes (NASN, 2018). The **mission** of the WCASD School Health Services is to support education by providing student-centered care through skilled nursing assessments and interventions. The School Health Services Program is designed to promote the physical and emotional health of students thereby supporting and inspiring students to achieve their personal best.



The WCASD Health Services Practice Framework provides structure and focus for four key principles of our school nursing practice: Direct care, Health promotion and education, Collaboration and communication, and Professional development. Each key principle contains specific components that combine to support our **mission**. These principles provide a foundation for ongoing clinically competent, quality care and help students achieve educational goals.

Specific WCASD Nursing Services:

Direct Care:

- Acute and Chronic Health Concerns
 - The nursing care process includes assessment, treatment, and evaluation of student health needs such as wound care, school injuries, allergy and upper respiratory infection management, and concussion care.
 - The school nurse works to optimize health in the school setting for students with chronic conditions such as diabetes, asthma, ADHD, and seizure disorders (among others).
- PA State Mandated Health Screenings
 - School nurses conduct kindergarten through grade 12 screenings for height, weight, BMI, and vision.
 - Hearing screenings are performed for grades kindergarten through 3, grades 7 and 11, and for students with specialized education plans.
 - Scoliosis screenings are provided for 6th and 7th graders.
 - All screening results are shared with parents/guardians; referrals are sent in accordance with state guidelines.
- Medication and Treatment Administration
 - Daily and as needed medications are administered in accordance with physician orders and WCASD Medication Policy.
 - The school nurse provides physician ordered treatments such as nebulizer therapy, blood glucose monitoring, nutrition support, migraine care, and more, in accordance with WCASD Medication Policy.
- Emergency Care
 - Emergency care, including initial first aid and stabilization, is provided as needed in the school setting.
 - EMS (911) is activated in accordance with the nursing assessment and student's health needs.

Health Promotion and Education:

- Specific Student/Family Needs and Advocacy
 - Student self-care is encouraged through identification and support of unique health needs.
- Fostering Wellness for Students, Families, and Staff.
 - School nurses are involved in state mandated wellness activities.
- Immunization Compliance Management/Maintenance of PA State and District Health Data Requirements
 - The school nurse monitors students' immunization status in accordance with PA state regulations.
 - Student health records are maintained to ensure completion of mandated health data requirements.

Specific WCASD Nursing Services:

Collaboration & Communication:

- Planning and Coordination of Student Health Care
 - School nurses carry out all aspects of the nursing process, including development of Individual Health Plans (IHPs).
 - School nurses disseminate critical information related to specialized student needs and nursing care measures.
 - Student health information is carefully and confidentially shared with physicians and outside agencies in accordance with FERPA/HIPPA regulations.
- Team approach with Interdisciplinary Members, Student's Family, Private Healthcare Providers, and Community Organizations
 - The school nurse is a member of school-based Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) team.
 - Health-specific referrals provide contributions to the development of student Individual Education Plans (IEPs).
 - The school nurse is involved with all aspects of the 504 process in compliance with federal standards.

Professional Development:

- Certification/Licensure Maintenance
 - Ongoing professional education is required by PA Act 48, PA Act 58 of 2006 & PA Act 31 as well as nursing licensure.
 - The school nurse must act to maintain CPR and CPI certification and PA mandated clearances.
- The school nurse participates in building specific in-services and district-wide professional development offerings.

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