Mission Statement
The School Health Program of the Cincinnati Health Department is committed to the premise that all children have the need for and right to receive comprehensive quality health services.

Target Population
The School Health Program provides school health services to 49 Cincinnati Public elementary schools and one high school.

Goals of the Cincinnati Health Department School Health Program

♦ To plan, implement and evaluate a comprehensive school health program.
♦ To deliver needed health services to school-aged children through the nursing process of assessing needs, planning and implementing interventions and evaluating outcomes to promote a healthier student population.
♦ To advocate for health rights of children and families both within the school setting and the community.
♦ To provide health counseling & guidance for school-aged children and their families.
♦ To participate in health education activities for children, parents, & school personnel.
♦ To provide referral and case management for students with chronic health problems and unmet health needs.

Nursing Services

➢ Screening and referral (includes follow-up) of health problems that interfere with student achievement and school attendance by:
   o Vision screening in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 in all assigned schools
   o Hearing screening in grades K, 1, 3, 5 & 9 in all assigned schools
   o Scoliosis screening in grades 6 & 7
   o Dental screening in grades K, 1, 3, & 5
   o BMI screening of all Kindergarten students and referral as indicated.
➢ Physical examinations by a nurse practitioner at selected schools for children who do not receive regular medical care. School nurses provide follow-up for identified problems.
➢ Health assessment, case management, and coordination of care for students with acute and chronic health problems that interfere with academic achievement:
   o Frequently seen in office or sent home with acute illnesses or injuries
   o Chronic disease
   o Frequent absenteeism, truancy or suspension
   o Behavior problems at school
   o Developmental or physical impairments
   o Substance abuse
   o Teen pregnancy
   o Child abuse and/or neglect
➢ Assessment of student immunization records to meet minimum State of Ohio immunization requirements for school entry & attendance.
➢ Development and implementation of standards of care & protocols for illness & injury at school.
Development of *Individual Health Plans* (IHP’s) for students with chronic health needs.

Presentation of programs focused on disease prevention and health promotion.

Individual health counseling and consultation on health issues for students & school staff.

Control of communicable disease by:
- screening of students and school personnel
- assisting with investigation and surveillance of communicable diseases
- administration of immunizations

Identification of potential health or safety hazards in the school environment.

Recommendations to accommodate students with handicapping condition.

Participation on emergency preparedness team for incident response & management.

Identifying students at risk for having health and/or academic problems.

Advocate for student & family within health care system & community.

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