

SCHOOL NURSE CORPS

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ABOUT SCHOOL NURSE CORPS

The OESD School Nurse Corps program provides nursing services primarily to small and remote school districts and their students. Services include RN direct care, consultations, training, and supervision of unlicensed school staff.

A full-time administrator manages the program, hires and assigns school nurses, and acts as a link between OSPI, state and local agencies and school districts. The administrator serves as a health resource for all of Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam Counties.

Four nurses provide direct school nurse service to Brinnon, Quilcene, Cape Flattery, Crescent, Port Townsend, Chimacum, and Queets/Clearwater school districts.

2014-2015 Program Outcomes

- 26 school nurses assigned in support of 16 school districts
- 48,000 students served
- 5 districts received direct monetary support; Class II Districts participated in cost-sharing
- Served as the link to OSPI and state and local agencies
- Received grant from Department of Health to provide Asthma Nurse Case Management infants and toddlers
- Pioneered peer-to-peer model for asthma education to students which was recognized by the Centers for Disease Control as effective model of chronic disease management in schools
- Participated on Steering Committee for Olympic Accountable Community of Health (OACH) to ensure inclusion of schools as a recognized mandated provider of health services for students
- Provided consistent “hands-on” support to all schools from large Class I schools (over 2000) or smaller Class II (remote ,underserved, high poverty)