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# ***Chapter 1***

## ***Introduction***

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### ***School Health Services Program***

#### **Overview:**

The mission of Florida's School Health Services Program is to appraise, protect and promote the health of students. Preventive and emergency school-based health services are provided to public school children in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve. Services are provided in accordance with a local School Health Services Plan jointly developed by the county health department, school district and school health advisory committee. With the increasing number of medically complex students this cooperative effort becomes more vital. Parents have the primary responsibility to ensure the health and well-being of their children, but school nurses play a critical role in ensuring that all children experience a safe and stable learning environment. According to the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), the role of the school nurse is to advance the well-being, academic success and life long achievement of students. To that end, school nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development; promote health and safety; intervene with actual and potential problems; and actively collaborate with others to build students and family capacity for adaptation, self management, self advocacy, and learning. **Every child deserves a school nurse!**

#### **Program Components:**

- **Basic Schools.** Basic school health services are mandated by the School Health Services Act, [s. 381.0056, F.S.](#), and are provided to all Florida public school students. Basic services include health record reviews, follow-up for mandated school entry physical examinations and appropriate grade level immunizations against preventable communicable diseases, screenings for health conditions that can directly affect student learning ability (vision, hearing, growth and development, and scoliosis), first aid, medication assistance, and emergency health services.
- **Comprehensive School Health Services Projects.** In addition to all basic school health services, comprehensive project schools in 57 counties provide enhanced services in accordance with [s. 381.0057, F.S.](#). These services include student health management, interventions and classes to reduce risk-taking behaviors, violence and injury prevention, and services to reduce teen pregnancy and promote return to school after giving birth. Comprehensive school health services provide more in-depth health management through the increased use of registered nurses (RN) for assessments, interventions, case management, and improving access to health care through referrals to insurance programs and family physicians.
- **Full Service Schools.** Full Service School projects are located in all 67 counties. Since 1990, this program has provided the infrastructure necessary to coordinate and deliver services donated by community partners and participating agencies. The effectiveness of this program has been enhanced by the co-location of services for children and their families. This program is authorized by [s. 402.3026, F.S.](#) and focuses on underserved students in poor, high risk communities needing access to medical and social services, as identified

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through demographics. Florida's Full Service Schools provide all basic school health services, in addition to the coordination of medical and specialized social services, such as: nutritional services, economic and job placement services, parenting classes, counseling for abused children, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and adult education for parents.