

## ROLE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

- ♥ Assess and treat sick and injured students; refer as needed to outside resources.
- ♥ Plan action for elimination, minimization, or acceptance of health problems.
- ♥ Provide programs for the prevention and control of disease.
- ♥ Assist in identification and education of students with special health problems and special education needs.
- ♥ Develop individual health care plans as needed.
- ♥ Student-parent-school personnel liaison

- ♥ Respond to health problems including:

- Child neglect and abuse
- Substance Abuse
- Nutritional concerns
- Teen pregnancy



- ♥ Coordinate health services with health education and community agencies.
- ♥ Observe school facilities and recommend modifications necessary to maintain optimum health and safety of students and school personnel.
- ♥ Participate in school staff and administrative activities.
- ♥ Collaborate with other school professionals, parents, and care givers to meet the health, developmental, and educational needs of the students.

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

### STATE MANDATED SCREENINGS

Vision screening	Pre-K, K-5, 7, 10
Hearing screening	Pre-K, K-3, 7, 10
Postural screening	Grades 5-9
Height and weight	Grades 1, 4, 7, 10

#### Interval health histories

All screenings are performed in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regulations. Students may be screened at any time upon teacher or parent request. If screening results indicate the need for follow-up care, the parents/guardians will be notified. Vision, hearing, height and weight screenings take place in the fall. Postural screenings take place in the spring.

### MEDICATION POLICY

Medications, including over-the-counter and medicinal supplements will not be dispensed without a written order from a licensed prescriber and written parental consent.

#### **All medications must be:**

- in the original container
- properly labeled
- delivered to the school nurse by a responsible adult (parent or designee)



### STATE MANDATED PHYSICAL EXAMS

Physical examinations by the student's Primary Care Provider are required in preschool, kindergarten, grades 4, 7, and 10 and upon transfer from another school system.

### IMMUNIZATIONS



All students must present evidence of immunizations in compliance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 76, Section 15, which specifically prohibits admitting a student to school without a physician verifying that, unless religious or medical exemptions apply, the child has been fully immunized.

### MIAA SPORTS PHYSICALS

MIAA rules clearly state that any student who wishes to try out, practice or play a sport is required to have a current (within the last 13 months) physical exam on file in the nurses office **BEFORE** being allowed to practice. The exam should cover the student for the entire time a sport is played. Please plan ahead.



### HEALTH INSURANCE:

Massachusetts offers free or low cost health insurance to all children through age 18. Contact your school nurse for information on these programs.

## WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL:

- ♥ If your child has a fever of 100° F or above
- ♥ If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea
- ♥ If your child's eye is pink or red, itchy, and/or a crusty drainage from the eye is present



## WHEN TO SEND YOUR CHILD BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER AN ILLNESS:

- ♥ Fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medicines
- ♥ 24 hours after start of antibiotic therapy for a bacterial infection
- ♥ 24 hours without vomiting or diarrhea
- ♥ 24 hours after treatment for bacterial

The cooperative efforts of parents, administrators, nurses, health care providers, teachers, support personnel and students contribute to our successful program.

**Please visit the School Nurse Contact page on the District Health Office website for links to individual school health offices.**

## HEALTH OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS

ECDC  
(508) 541-8166 x2940

Davis Thayer Elementary School  
(508) 541-5288 x3708

Franklin High School  
(508) 613-1400 x1472

Horace Mann Middle School  
(508) 541-6230 x2639

Jefferson Elementary School  
(508) 541-2135

Keller Elementary School  
(508) 553-0322 x3421

Kennedy Elementary School  
(508) 541-5261 x2042

Oak Street Elementary School  
(508) 541-7890 x2639

Parmenter Elementary School  
(508) 541-5280 x2242

Remington Middle School  
(508) 541-2135

Sullivan Middle School  
(508) 553-0322 x3421



## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

**Parents are asked to keep emergency contact numbers up to date.  
If any of your emergency contact information changes, please notify the school nurse as soon as possible.**

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# School Health Services

## Franklin Public Schools



**Franklin School Nurses**  
are integral members of the educational team who assist children and youth to develop

A comprehensive school health program, consisting of health services and health education, directly contributes to the student's education as well as the health and education of the family and community.



Our goal is the education, integration and coordination of the health needs of all students.