

Every Child Needs a School Nurse

Since the time of the first school nurse in New York in 1902, educators have recognized that students who are healthy learn better, are more alert and physically fit, and are more likely to be present at school. Williston-Elko Schools have met this challenge by placing a full-time, Registered Nurse (RN) in Kelly Edwards Elementary School and a second RN for Williston-Elko Middle and Williston-Elko High schools.

Our goal as school nurses is for all children to enter the classroom in optimal health and ready to learn. The presence of a school nurse in the school setting assures the proper management of certain health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, allergies, and other chronic health problems. School nurses are also on the front line of defense for identification of vision and hearing deficits, communicable illnesses, metabolic disorders, and mental health conditions which can be treated more effectively with early recognition and intervention.

School nurses provide assessment of students' health conditions; treatment for illnesses or injuries; mediation between parents, teachers and healthcare providers; and health education on a daily basis. Thank you for allowing us to care for your children.

