

POLICY 103-4

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

The Department of Education shall support partnerships at schools to provide health services to students. To that end, the Department of Education shall work with other state agencies and community partners to:

- Define a menu of coordinated school health services that facilitates efficacy in the continuum of supports provided to all students;
- Support the use of culturally responsive, evidence based school health services and practices; and
- Facilitate ongoing dialogue to enhance coordinated school health services.

Schools may partner with relevant government agencies and community organizations to support the provision of coordinated school health services whenever mutually agreeable to benefit students. Based on school community needs and available resources, schools may implement a range of services including but not limited to primary and preventive health care; dental, vision, and hearing screenings and services; school counseling, school based behavioral health, mental health, social services, school nutrition, health literacy education, physical education, a healthy school environment, and staff health and wellness.

Rationale: Schools play a critical role in promoting the health and safety of young people and helping them establish lifelong healthy behavior patterns. Research shows a link between the health outcomes of young people and their academic success. To have the most positive impact on the health outcomes of young people, government agencies, community organizations, schools, and other community members must work together on a comprehensive approach.

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