



# School Nurse Corps

*Celebrating 20 years of keeping Washington's students healthy*

The WA State Legislature established the School Nurse Corps (SNC) in 1999 to address student health care needs and reduce inequities in health services, particularly in small, rural school districts.

Washington SNC provides two essential services:

- **Registered nursing services.** Direct student care and health education and training for school staff.
- **Regionalized services.** School health consultation, professional development, and mentoring by a nurse administrator in each of Washington's nine Educational Service Districts.

North Central ESD supports SNC services for Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan School Districts, providing nursing service funding to 12 districts and regionalized support services to 29 school districts, serving over 40,000 students.

## Student Health Support

Without SNC, many children in WA State would not have access to a school nurse. Students with asthma, diabetes, or other life-threatening conditions would receive little or no support from a registered nurse to manage their health issues.

## School Attendance Support

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation report (2016) describes a direct relationship between chronic school absences and physical, mental and social health. Chronic conditions, such as asthma and diabetes, mental health issues, including depression and anxiety, safety issues, and social factors, ranging from food insecurities to lack of health insurance, contribute to chronic school absences and compromise student learning. By addressing physical, mental and social health issues, school nurses reduce absenteeism and support student learning.

## Community Support

Proper health management reduces community expenses. Chronic absenteeism and poorly managed health conditions can lead to serious health issues into adulthood and a shortened life expectancy, both of which contribute to community costs. A 2014 cost-benefit study of school nursing services (Wang, et al.) concluded that society gains \$2.20 for every \$1 invested in school nursing, a cost-beneficial investment of public money.

## Award-winning Service

In 2013, School Nurse Corps received the prestigious WA State Warren Featherstone Reid award. This award recognizes exceptional quality and value in the delivery of healthcare services. Through innovative design and commitment to quality, SNC serves all students across our state.

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## Happy Birthday!

The Association of Educational Service Districts turns 50 years old.

In 1969, ESDs were formed when individual County Superintendent of School offices were consolidated and reorganized to reduce duplication, equalize educational opportunities, and provide a more effective reporting and accountability system to the state legislature.

ESDs link local public and private schools with one another and with state and national resources. ESD Cooperatives and programs enhance educational opportunities because they realize significant savings, allowing districts to send more dollars directly to the classroom and provide special services that might otherwise be unavailable to their regions.

The NCESD is proud to be an active participant in this important network. Supporting Washington's Schools and Communities since 1969.

## School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition month and we'd like to thank all the elected community members who selflessly give their time and energy in support of high-quality public schooling for our youth.

School boards are charged with making decisions that can sometimes be quite difficult, or require sifting through a great deal of information. They also hold responsibility for developing a vision that will guide the school district for years to come. Through collaboration as a team, and with school district staff, their governance and advocacy are building the future of education in our region and beyond.

THANK YOU for all you do!

#SchoolBoardMonth #ncwschools

## Coming Up



Office Closed



SAC meeting



NCESD Board meeting



Deadline for Classified Teacher of the Year nominations



Deadline for Classified School Employee of the Year nominations

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