

HEALTH: STUDENTS

The mission of Colcord'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 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. Counties offer school health services to private schools, based upon availability and need. School-based health services are an important component of the public health system and help to assure that Oklahoma's students are healthy, in the classroom, and ready to learn.

School nurses enhance health within the school and community by providing health appraisals, nursing assessments, nutrition assessments, preventive dental services, periodic health screenings, health counseling, referral and follow-up of suspected or confirmed health problems, emergency health services, and promoting activities to reduce risk-taking behaviors. School nurses also collaborate with parents, teachers, social workers, and other health care providers to develop care plans, identify available health resources, and identify the need for health referrals to address specific health problems discovered through mandated health screenings and assessments.

Any child who is determined to be afflicted with a contagious disease, as currently defined by the Oklahoma Department of Health shall be prohibited from attending school until a health officer has determined that the child is free of the contagious disease or that the disease is no longer contagious.

Options:

The school district will prohibit a child with head lice from attending school until such time as the child no longer has been identified as having head lice.

Or

The school district will allow a child with head lice to attend classes in accordance with guidelines set by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses.

**REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §5-117, §10-105, §11-103, §1210.194
63 O.S. §1-507**