

Levels of Nursing Care Utilizing the Staff Model for the Delivery of School Health Services

	Level A	Level B	Level C	Level D
	Nursing Dependent	Medically Fragile	Medically Complex	Health Concerns
Description	Students require 24 hours/day, frequently one-to-one, skilled nursing care for survival.	Students face daily the possibility of a life-threatening emergency requiring the skill and judgment of a professional nurse.	Students with complex and/or unstable physical and/or social-emotional conditions that require daily treatments and close monitoring by a professional registered nurse.	Student's physical and/or emotional condition is currently uncomplicated and predictable.
Examples (may include, but are not limited to).	Student may be dependent on technological devices for breathing, i.e., child on a respirator, and/or continuous nursing assessment and intervention	Severe seizure disorder, requiring medications that can be administered only by a nurse; Severe asthma with potential for status asthmaticus; sterile procedures; tracheostomy with frequent and/or unpredictable suctioning; unstable and/or newly diagnosed diabetic with unscheduled blood sugar monitoring and insulin injections	ADHD and on medications; anaphylactic event; cancer; complex mental or emotional disorders; immune disorders; moderate to severe asthma; inhaler at school and peak flow meter; oxygen, continuous or intermittent; preteen or teenage pregnancy; taking carefully timed medications; taking medication with major side effects; unstable metabolic conditions.	Dental disease, diabetes self-managed by the student, dietary restrictions, eating disorders, encopresis, headaches, migraines; sensory impairments; orthopedic conditions requiring accommodations; uncomplicated pregnancy.
Nurse staffing requirement	1:1 (registered nurse or licensed nurse as determined by RN)	Full-time nurse in the building.	RN in the building a full day a week who is available on a daily basis when not in the building.	RN assesses student at least once a year at the beginning of the school year or at the time of diagnosis.
Care Plan	Before student enters school, RN to complete a nursing assessment and determine an appropriate plan of care/individual health care plan (medication and/or treatment orders from HCP).	A plan of nursing care developed by a registered nurse must be complete, current and available at all times to personnel in contact with these children.	Any nursing plan or alteration in nursing plan must be completed and documented by a Registered Nurse	Determined by nurse's judgment.

Some reasons RN may raise "Level of Nursing Care" based on assessment: The registered nurse may factor into his/her decision any of the following or other significant factors that increase health care need: Chronic illness stressors, drug/alcohol stressor, English-as-second language, high mobility, homeless, poverty/low income, reentry, enrolled in special education, etc.

Transportation: Time allotted for training by the registered nurse and for the pupil transportation personnel needs to be considered in the staffing model.