Florida School Nurses

Make the Difference

Every Student, Every Day.

- **35,327**
  Number of students who have a life-threatening allergy to one or more items. School nurses provide the expertise to assist school staff and administrators in managing allergies safely. (2016–2017)

- **9.90%**
  Percentage of students ages 12–17 who had a major depressive episode in the past year. School nurses play a key role in identifying students, informing parents, and providing support services and care. (2014)

- **199,088**
  (7.1%) Number of students who have asthma. School nurses provide the support they need to be in and stay in school. (2016–2017)

- **7,889**
  Number of students who have diabetes. School nurses provide critical health care support for school attendance. (2016–2017)

- **104,736**
  (18.54%) Number of 1st, 3rd and 6th grade students who are obese. School nurses provide this data which helps identify areas of need and support. (2016–2017)

- **1,851,959**
  (65.7%) Number of students who are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program. School nurses identify nutritional health issues and provide resources to help families resolve these problems. (2016–2017)

Percentage of children under age 19 who are uninsured. The school nurse may be their primary health resource. (2015)

Percentage of students ages 12–17 who were on a school-linking tobacco prevention program. School nurses play a key role in tobacco prevention efforts. (2014)

Florida Statistics Sources:
Florida Department of Health, School Health Services Program, Florida Department of Education, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), United States Census Bureau Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)

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