

# School Health Services

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The Cleveland County School system contracts with Cleveland County Health Department to provide school health services to approximately 16,000 students, many of whom have chronic health conditions that require them to receive medical services or related interventions during the school day.

One of our most important responsibilities is to keep students in school. We do this in a variety of ways. We identify special needs and develop health care plans (designed specifically for the school setting) for students with a variety of conditions such as diabetes, asthma, life-threatening allergies, and many others. We educate and train school staff to provide care according to these care plans, supervise and support school staff in their provision of care, and continuously monitor and revise care plans as needed. We provide assessment and treatment according to protocols and standing orders. We communicate with parents, physicians, and school staff regularly to ensure the successful care of students.

Each of the 4 high schools and 4 middle schools in the county has a school based health center. Parents are required to provide written permission for their student(s) to receive care through the health centers. The students themselves may provide consent for those services under NC law for which minors are allowed to request: pregnancy testing and sexually transmitted disease treatment. The centers are able to bill Medicaid and private insurance for their services. Families are never billed directly.

Each high school health center is staffed daily by a physician extender who can offer the highest level of care in school health. Services offered include: pertinent exams, lab tests, diagnosis & medical treatment, prescriptions, health education, immunizations, and referral to other health care providers.

The high school health centers are staffed as follows:

- Burns High School- Julie Brackett, FNP (phone 704-538-3151)
- Crest High School- Lorrie James, PA-C (phone 704-482-5681)
- Kings Mtn. High School- Sandra Satterfield, FNP (phone 704-739-2867)
- Shelby High School- Clarissa Hall, FNP (phone 704-487-2846)

Each middle school health center is staffed daily by a school health nurse with expanded role training in child health who can offer services including: physical assessment and treatment per standing orders, lab tests, health education, immunizations, and referral.

The middle school health centers are staffed as follows:

- Burns Middle School- Diane Branch, RN, BSN (phone 704-538-5427)
- Crest Middle School- Amber Payne, RN, BSN (phone 704-480-5521)
- Kings Mtn. Middle School- Kim Horn, RN (phone 704-734-4951)
- Shelby Middle School- Patti Alexander, RN, BSN, NCSN (phone 704-482-0198)

The elementary, intermediate, and alternative schools are served by 10 nurses who provide services to one or more schools. These nurses provide services including: physical assessment, referral/follow-up, immunization record review, health screenings, mass vision screening, and health education. In

addition, each collaborates with key individuals to identify special needs and provide necessary accommodations for students.

The school nurses are assigned as follows:

- Wendy Clark, RN, BSN (704-481-8001 / 704-538-9982)  
Union and Casar Elementary
- Danyelle Earl, RN, MSN (704-538-7341 / 704-476-8390)  
Fallston and Jefferson Elementary
- Tami Lovelace, RN, BSN (704-434-7371 / 704-476-8361)  
Springmore and Boiling Springs Elementary
- Leah Costner, RN (704-476-8366)  
Kings Mtn. Intermediate
- Donella Briggs, RN, BSN (704-476-8351 / 704-476-8345 / 704-476-8346)  
Grover, West, and Bethware Elementary
- Cindy Campos, RN (704-487-7809)  
Township #3 Elementary
- Leanne Shuford, RN, BSN (pager 704-407-0041)  
North, East, and Washington Elementary
- Tina White, RN, BSN (pager 704-407-3044)  
Marion and Graham Elementary, and Cleveland Early College High School
- Linda Byrd, RN, BSN, NCSN (pager 704-407-3230)  
James Love Elem., Shelby Intermed., Turning Point Acad., Alexander Youth Day Treatment
- Esther Littlejohn, RN, BSN (phone 704-487-9941)  
North Shelby

Because of School Health, the students of Cleveland County have access to a qualified health care professional who meets them where they are, on their grounds. Our hope is to convey the message that they are important. We are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our school children.

Our goal is to promote good physical and emotional health because healthy kids are happier and learn better!

Please feel free to contact us!

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