



School Health Services 2022-2023

ANNUAL REPORT

Lincoln County Health Department



MERRILL SCHOOL DISTRICT, SCHOOL NURSE END OF YEAR REPORT 2022-2023

2022-2023 Staff

8/2023

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Mary Klade, BSN, RN

Prairie River Middle School

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Washington Elementary, Pine River School for Young Learners, 4K

Kristi Krombholz, BSN, RN

Substitute School Nurse

Judy Sargent, BSN, RN

School nursing is a specialized practice of nursing, protects and promotes student health, facilitates optimal development, and advances academic success. School nurses, grounded in ethical and evidence-based practice, are the leaders who bridge health care and education, provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and collaborate to design systems that allow individuals and communities to develop their full potential. (National Association of School Nurses)



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The 2022/2023 School Nurse End of the Year Report includes data collected from each school in the district with the purpose of providing a cumulative picture of school nursing services. It is our pleasure to provide school nursing services to MAPS.

Benefits of having a school nurse...



Increase School Attendance

In the 2022/2023 school year, **81%** of students were returned back to class after seeing the school nurse.



Staff Training and Delegation

Nursing staff trained and delegated **151** MAPS staff to administer medication during the school year



Individual and emergency health plans

In the 2022/2023 school year, there were **111** health plans created by school nursing staff.

School Nurse Hours

2022-2023 Lincoln County Health Department School Nurse Schedule (On-site)		
Prairie River Middle School (25 hrs./week)	Monday - Friday	Deanna Engel, BSN, RN
Merrill High School (15 hours/week)	Monday - Friday	Mary Klade, BSN, RN
Kate Goodrich (7 hours/week)	Monday and Thursday	Mary Klade, BSN, RN
Washington (6 hours/week)	Wednesday and Friday	Kristi Krombholz , BSN, RN
Early Childhood/4K (2 hours/week)	Thursday	Kristi Krombholz, BSN, RN
Pine River School for Young Learner (3 hours/week)	Thursday	Kristi Krombholz, BSN, RN

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Summary of Services:

Health Information

Coordinate a System of Managing Student Health Information within the school system and maintain confidential health records for individual students receiving ongoing school nursing services.

Special Health Care Needs

Provides Services for students with Special Health Care Needs.

Communicable Disease

Provide communicable disease control and promote compliance with the Wisconsin Immunization Requirements.

Emergency Nursing

Assist in development and implementation of a plan for Emergency Nursing Services in the schools, including staff training and delegation, medication administration, triage, injury care, referral and follow up.

Screening

Participation in the Hearing and Vision Screening process and follow up.

Appraisals and Referrals

Provide confidential physical, mental, and psychosocial health appraisals, health counseling and referrals for care and follow up to students.

Health Education

Provide health education for students, families, and school staff members both individually and collectively, to promote healthy life styles and responsible decision-making regarding matters affecting health and wellness, including human growth and development.

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Outcome of Student Health Office Visits and Health Conditions

81%

Returned to class

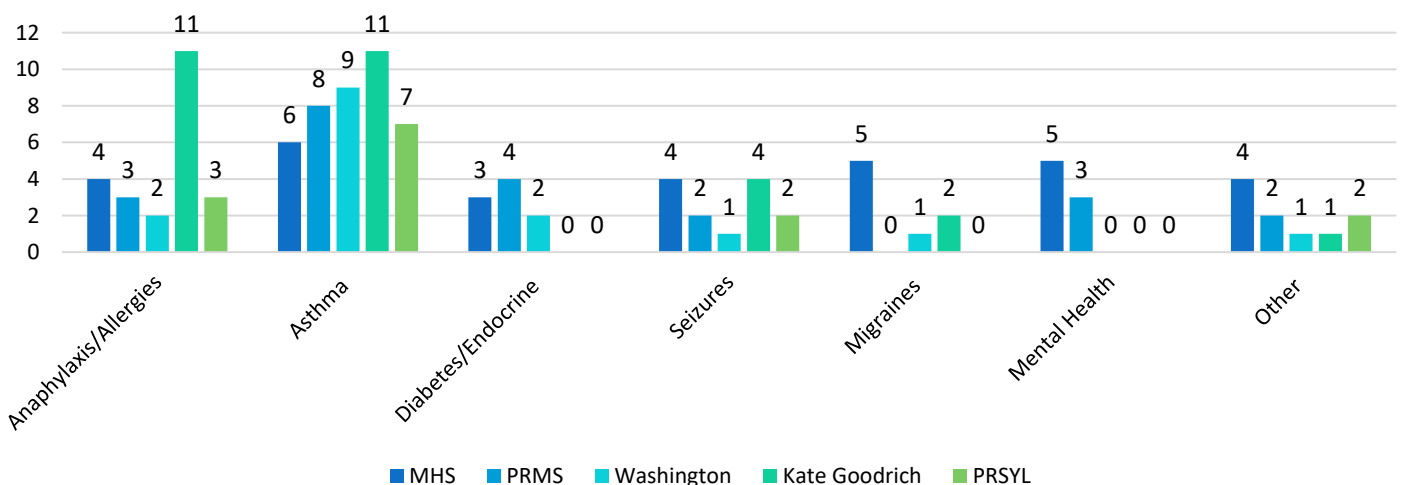
The school setting is where school nurses work to keep students in school, managing student's chronic health conditions so they can be in the classroom learning.

Of the 2105 Student Health Office Visits:

- 1705 went back to class
- 343 went home ill
- 57 were referred to a provider
- 911 was called 0 times during the school year by nursing staff.

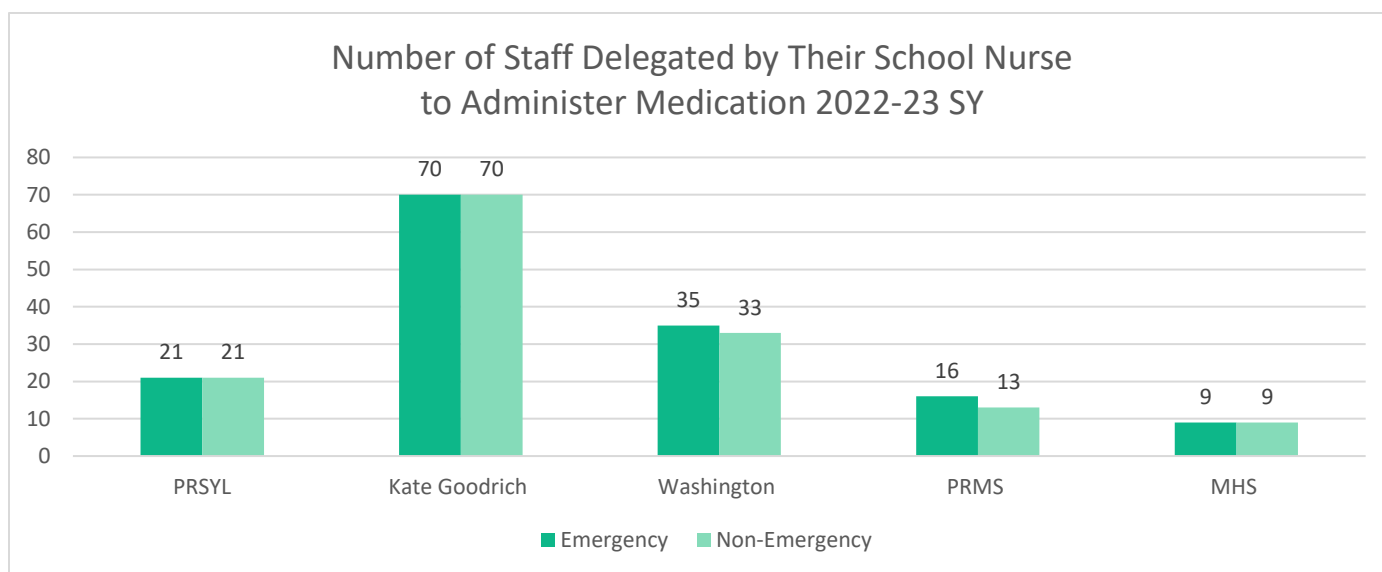
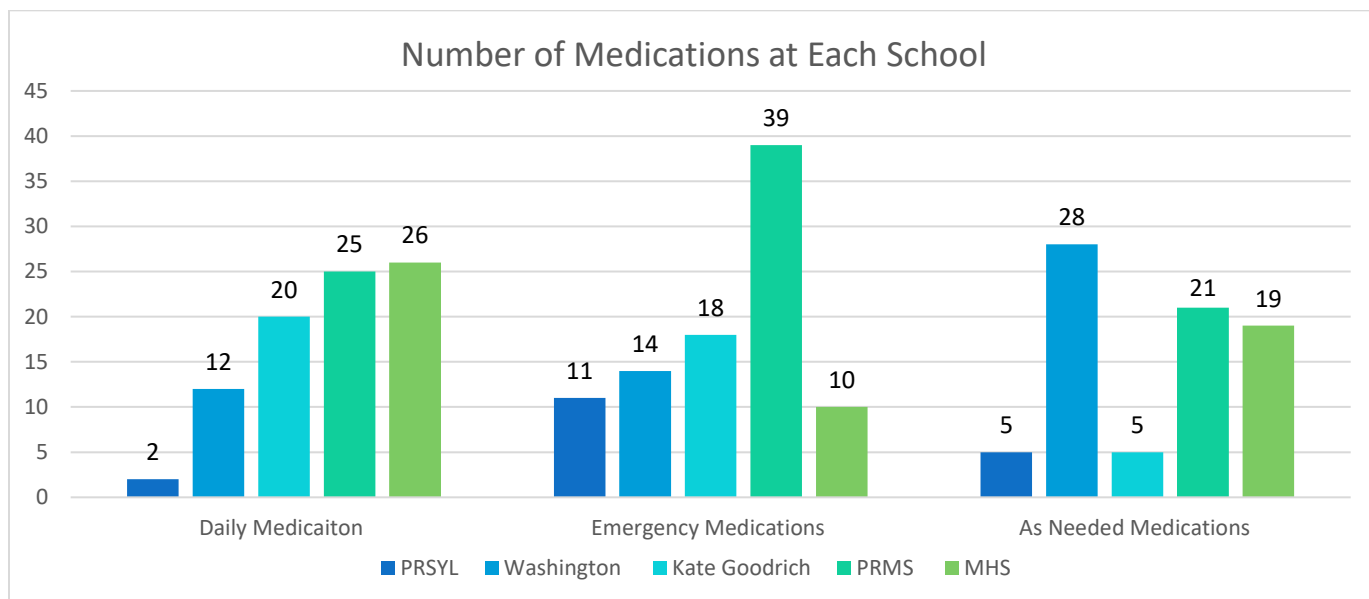
Individual Health Plans (IHPs) and Medications

Individual Health Plans(IHPs) by Health Condition at Each School.
There were 111 Students with an IHP.



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Individual Health Plan: A carefully prepared outline of nursing care showing all of the students' needs and the ways of meeting them while keeping them safe in school; a document that is subject to continuous reassessment and change by the nurse; typically includes nursing diagnoses, nursing interventions, and outcomes; ensures consistency of care. The plan is developed with the interdisciplinary collaboration of the school staff in partnership with the student's family, the student and the student's medical provider.



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Screenings

Vision Screening

School	Screened	Referred	Summary
PRSYL	65	14	515 Students screened , grades headstart preschool, kindergarten, 1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th
Kate Goodrich	224	28	
Washington	120	2	54 Students Referred to provider
PRMS	106	10	

Hearing Screening

School	Pass	Referral	Summary
PRSYL	67	10	331 Students screened, grades headstart preschool and kindergarten
Kate Goodrich	264	1	
			11 Students Referred to provider

Outbreaks



During the 2022-2023 school year there was a unique triple outbreak of COVID, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in the fall. This lead to large amounts of absenteeism due to illness and quarantine.

Additional outbreaks seen at the school with school nursing staff were chickenpox and hand foot and mouth disease, which share many similarities to chickenpox in presentation. The school nurse served as a coordinator of communication and education between the schools, families, staff and local medical clinics.

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Pine River School of Young Learner Requirements

PRSYL Student Requirements

At 45 days

100% of students had vision, hearing, growth and blood pressure screenings done
70% had physicals
83% had lead screenings
67% had hemoglobin screenings
83% had dental exams

At 90 days

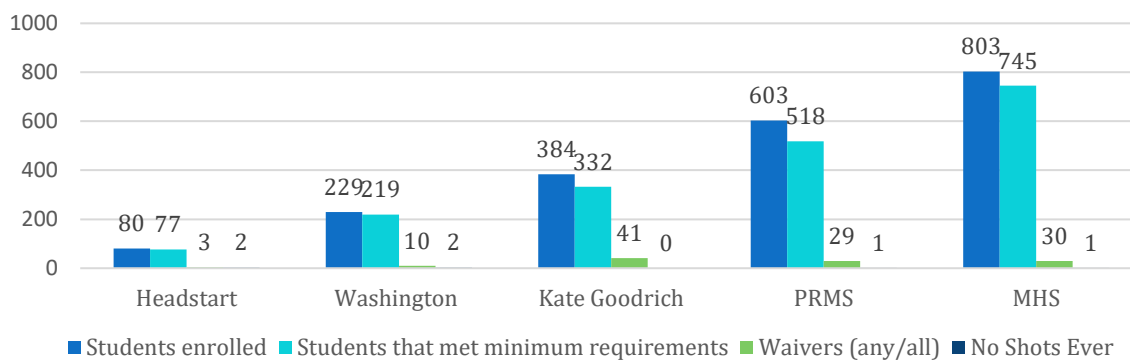
100% of students had vision, hearing, growth, blood pressure, dental exams and lead screenings
99% had physicals and hemoglobin screenings

Additional screenings completed at school throughout the year by school nurse

67 hearing
65 vision
9 lead & hemoglobin
6 physicals
33 blood pressures
14 hearing rechecks
5 vision rechecks

Immunization Audit Compliance Rate

MAPS Immunization Compliance Data 2022-2023 School Year



Source: DHS WI Redcap immunization report

School	PRSYL	Kate Goodrich	Washington	PRMS	MHS
Compliance Rate	100%	99%	100%	91%	97%

Students are compliant with the immunization law if they meet all of the minimum immunization requirements, are considered "in process", or have a waiver on file. MAPS will again have to exclude those grades K-5 who are not compliant due to not obtaining the required 99% compliance rate.

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HEAT Teams

Emergency nursing services are an important piece of the school nursing program and implementation of policies and plans are vital to quality services for our students. HEAT (Health Emergency Activation Team) delegation is an important part to school services where the nurse trains staff on emergency plans in relation to the school health needs for that school year. MHS and PRMS staff have utilized the activation of the HEAT team to get immediate response to assist in known and unknown health conditions throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

School	Heat Team Calls
PRMS	1
MHS	7
<i>Total</i>	<i>8</i>



Updates to School Health Program

In 2022-2023, Lincoln County Health Department assisted MAPS in updating and or creating policies/guidelines/Memos/Forms/Exhibits, which included:

- School Nursing certification in Suresight vision screening
- School Nursing training in Skyward
- Human Growth and Development Curriculum Changes and Coalition meetings
- Restructure PRMS Health Office including more efficient student triaging.
- Installed eye wash station at PRMS
- Implementation of Diabetic Health Aides at PRMS
- Implementing field trip medical bags for health plans and medications
- Standardization of documentation between nurses of student health information
- Increased collaboration with school social workers and counselors

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Summary of School Health Program

Through the provision of comprehensive and direct health services, school nurses strengthen and facilitate the education process by reducing or eliminating barriers to accessing health care. School nurses have expertise in clinical nursing, communication, surveillance, education, advocacy and leadership in order to ensure that all students' health needs may be addressed. The school nurse has the educational background, experience, and competency to oversee the coordinated school health program.

During the 2022/2023 school year, MAPS received quality care for its many students with health conditions. As noted in the report, almost 200 students have individual health plans and many more have health conditions that affect them during the school day. In having school nursing staff, each school is able to have their staff trained and prepared to handle the increasingly difficult medical needs of students. There is a wide variety of students with high medical needs within the district and through the nursing staff, each of those students are able to come to school in a safe and healthy environment. The school nurses view their relationship with the District not as employees but as a trusted caretaker of the health and wellbeing of MAPS staff and students.

