



The Fairfax County Health Department and Fairfax County Public School System participate in a partnership to offer each school access to a clinic, a Public Health Nurse (Registered Nurse), and a Clinic Room Aide (on site in clinic during school hours).

The goal of this partnership is to promote a healthy and safe environment in which to maximize your child's educational experience.



### Role of the Clinic Room Aide (CRA)



- ◆ Paraprofessional trained by the Health Department
- ◆ Narrow scope of practice to include
  - Care for sick and injured students
  - Facilitate medication administration
  - Coordinate Vision and Hearing screening
  - Assist in tracking incomplete immunizations and tracks illness trends



### Role of the School Public Health Nurse (PHN)



- ◆ Identify and address medical and health concerns of students
- ◆ Provide training for school staff about health issues and procedures
- ◆ Act as liaison between Health Department and FCPS
- ◆ Resource to school staff for communicable diseases and appropriate actions to partake
- ◆ Promote healthy lifestyles and teach health related topics
- ◆ Keep school community informed of Health Department resources
- ◆ Supervise clinic room aide



### General Information



- ◆ If your child is sick, please keep him / her at home
- ◆ Child should be free of fever / vomiting / diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school
- ◆ Please keep phone numbers and emergency care contact information up to date in school
- ◆ Students generally can only stay 20 minutes in the clinic, then decision is made to go back to class or home
- ◆ Clinic room Aide is not a nurse and can not diagnose or give advice regarding care
- ◆ Medications for school use require appropriate form completion.
- ◆ Meds must be in original container; physician order and the Rx label must match
- ◆ Students are not permitted to carry meds to & from school
- ◆ FCPS Health and medication forms can be obtained from the clinic or online at <http://www.fcps.edu/forms.htm>
- ◆ Student registration requirements located in your packet or at <http://www.fcps.edu/ss/StudentServices/StudentRegistration/stsvctr1.htm>

### Final Note



### **Volunteer Services**

The clinic is always looking and welcomes volunteers to assist with vision & hearing screening or to work in the clinic when the clinic room aide may need to attend trainings or is absent . A one time 3hr training given by the PHN is required, please notify the clinic if you are interested.

**Any questions about School Health Program or if your child has a health concern, please contact Tracey Paterno-Hardy PHN at 703-481-4079**

