School Nurse

I3 Academy believes in supporting the whole child and as part of that commitment we have two Registered Nurses as part of our team. 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. *Adopted by the NASN Board of Directors February 2017.*

Goals of I3 Academy School Nurse Program

- Reduce health-related barriers to learning and health related absenteeism thus improving student achievement
- Promote the health, safety, and wellness of all students and staff at I3 Academy Elementary and Middle Schools
- Promote a positive, collaborative relationship with students, families, colleagues, and the community
- Promote best practices in school health services through professional development, community partnerships and resources.

Services Provided by I3 Academy School Nurse Program

- Illness, injury assessments and interventions
- Identification, assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation of student health concerns
- Health assessments/participation in Individualized Education Plan development
- Screening for health factors impacting student education
- Activities and education to promote health
- Health care counseling or guidance to students, their family, and to staff
- Chronic disease management and education
- Development and Implementation of Individualized Health Care Plans for students with disabilities and/or health conditions that interfere with learning
- Medication administration and management
- Assessment and interventions for students with acute and/or chronic health needs
- Crisis team participation
- Guidelines for school district health policies, goals and objectives
- School/community/health care provider liaison
- Immunization verification according to state guideline requirements.
- Basic First aid when applicable(See First Aid Policy)
The School Nurse is responsible for:

- Assessing first aid needs throughout the school
- Advising on appropriate levels of first aid provision
- Identifying first aid training needs
- Maintaining a record of all first aid training undertaken by school staff
- Providing first aid support during school hours
- Organizing provision and replenishment of first aid equipment
- Maintaining records of accident reports and treatment given in the school health room
- The school nurse will provide first aid kits as appropriate throughout the school building

Medications: Students who need to receive medication at school must have their physician complete the Parent/Prescriber Medication Authorization consent form. This form must be brought to your child’s school nurse by the parent/adult along with the medication and signed by both the health care provider and the parent. If a prescription medication is needed, the form and the information on the prescription bottle must match. FDA regulated over the counter medication no longer requires a physician’s signature. The parent/legal guardian must submit the completed Parent/Prescriber Authorization form along with the medication to be given. Any medication must be brought in its original, unopened container by the parent/legal guardian or authorized adult representative.

GENERAL INFORMATION: We love seeing your child at school every day, however, there will be times that he/she should stay home due to illness. The following is a brief list of some of those times. Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions.

- Fever – temperature of 100 or above. Your student should remain home until fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication.
- Vomiting- Your student should NOT attend school if they have vomited within the last 24 hours. If they are sent home from school due to vomiting, they should be free from vomiting for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Diarrhea - Your student should remain home if they have had diarrhea within the last 24 hours. If they are sent home from school due to diarrhea, they should be free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Undiagnosed rash- Your student should not attend school until the rash has been diagnosed and treated. Some rashes may be extremely contagious.
- Pink Eye (conjunctivitis) – Pink eye is contagious. Your student should be seen by your doctor and treated with the antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Lice and/or nits (eggs) – Your student should not return to school until he/she has been treated with a lice shampoo and removed as many nits as possible. You must accompany your student upon his/her return to school. Your student must be checked by the school nurse prior to returning to class.
**First Aid:** In order to ensure First Aid provision, it is the policy of I3 Academy that: There will be sufficient numbers of trained personnel together with appropriate equipment available to ensure someone competent in basic first aid techniques can rapidly attend an incident at all times when the school is occupied; A qualified First Aider is always available during normal school hours. Appropriate First Aid arrangements are made whenever staff and students are engaged in off site activities and visits.

The following topicals will be used if applicable with First Aid injuries: Polysporin, Burn Cream, Cerave Cream, Calamine Lotion, Sunscreen, and Aloe Vera Gel

For specific health room information, please visit the School Health Room page at [https://www.i3academy.org/SchoolHealthRoom.aspx](https://www.i3academy.org/SchoolHealthRoom.aspx).