

SCHOOL HEALTH LETTER OF AGREEMENT SCHOOL YEAR 2012–2013

This agreement sets forth the terms for services to be provided by personnel of the Public Health - Idaho North Central District, (hereinafter called the PH-INCD), and Highland Joint School District #305 (hereinafter called the School District).

The School District agrees to pay \$6.68 per student for the School Year 2012–2013, based on the previous school year's Average Daily Attendance of 185. Payment is to be made at the beginning of the school year. **The fee for School Year 2012–2013 is \$1,235.80.**

Public Health school nurses (PHN) are consultants to the schools. Direct nursing care or supervision of staff that provide direct nursing care to students who are "technology dependent" or require specialized nursing procedures **is not** within the scope of this school nurse services contract. Medical equipment up-grades and changing technology require specific current knowledge and skills that public health nurses may not possess. Specific examples of equipment that **are not** covered under this contract include, but not limited to, the following: ventilator, intravenous nutrition, injections. The school nurse may provide consultation to help facilitate the care of these children.

The PHN does not assume any accountability for the actions by school district unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP). Medications are given to school children by unlicensed school staff. The decision to give medicine is determined by the child's physician or parent/guardian and the PHN does not delegate the UAP to do this task. Therefore, the PHN does not assume responsibility for distributing medicine. The PHN may consult with the school staff regarding policy and procedure for distributing medicine.

Public Health - Idaho North Central District agrees to provide the following services:

1. Offer annual consultation in August or September with school building staff to review school health services.
2. The Public Health Nurse (PHN) will schedule regular school visits which may include on-site consultation, health screenings, and teaching classes. The nurse will be encouraged to visit the school weekly, but may not be able to due to other health district duties.
3. Telephone consultations to discuss students with identified health needs will occur as needed. Staff is encouraged to call the nurse when they have concerns. If their assigned nurse is not available, another health district school nurse will talk with school staff.
4. Assessment and referral of students who are demonstrating health concerns with an emphasis on communicable diseases (ex. child with chicken pox).
5. The PHN will serve as a liaison person between school and local health care providers to provide coordinated care and follow-up on health issues for students and their families.
6. The PHN will organize vision and hearing screening programs with the school (including rechecks, follow-up, and referral). Vision screens will be offered to grades pre-school through 8. Hearing screenings will be offered to grades pre-school, K, 1, 3, 5, and 7. Other grades by referral if needed.


7. The PHN will offer scoliosis screening for grades 6 and 8, follow-up and referral.
8. The PHN will provide consultation to schools regarding immunizations and under immunized students.
9. Maturation classes for boys and girls in 5th and 6th grades.
10. HIV education for boys and girls in 6th grade.
11. Comprehensive sex education in 8th, 9th, and 11th grade (or agreed to by both parties).
12. The PHN will provide consultation to staff and parents and assist with implementation of the health curriculum as requested by school personnel.
13. The PHN will consult with the school staff and families and may participate in planning meetings as time allows in writing an Individual Health Plan for qualifying students as required by Section 504, of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
14. Annually, the PHN will offer all staff a refresher in-service on standard precautions: handling body fluids, current information on HIV, and Hepatitis.

Both parties may amend this agreement at any time by negotiation and agreement to such amendments.

This agreement may be terminated at any time either by the School District or PH-INCD upon thirty (30) days written notice to the opposite party. This agreement shall be in effect from the date of its approval until terminated.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2012.


Cindy Orr, Superintendent
Highland Joint School District #305



Carol M. Moehrle, Director
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Public Health personnel are part of a larger health oriented organization. The nurses have supervision available at all times, and the educational background of other public health nurses, including nurse practitioners, who can lend their expertise to the school health programs. As part of an inter-disciplinary team, they also have resource people available within the District including professional health educators, registered dietitians, and environmental health specialists.

This system of using public health personnel in the schools is the most cost beneficial possible. School districts have the advantage of drawing upon additional health district personnel to cover the health needs in their schools at a reasonable cost.