



SCHOOL NURSE REFERRAL

FACT SHEET

Health consultant to resolve barriers to academic success

Historical Background: School District nurses were introduced into SFUSD in the fall of 1990. District leadership recognized the lack of school nurses within the district and the lack of access to health care

What is the goal of the School Nurse Referral?

The goal is to provide all school sites with access to health consultants to resolve barriers to academic success.

What is a School Nurse Referral? Because all schools do not have access to nursing services, SHPD established the school district nurse referral process, which allows a school to request consultation related to student health needs.

Current Status: All school sites have access to school district nurse referrals. Referrals are sent to the School Health Programs Department and treated by a staff nurse. Referrals are assigned to a school district nurse who calls the referring party to obtain additional information and establish an appointment to visit the school site. Follow-up and case management occur as necessitated by the referral.

Activities within the SFUSD and SHPD that support School Nurse Referral:

- School Health Center
- Student Success Team/Student Assistance Program
- Safe School Plans
- Expanded Learning
- Safe School / Healthy Student Initiative

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