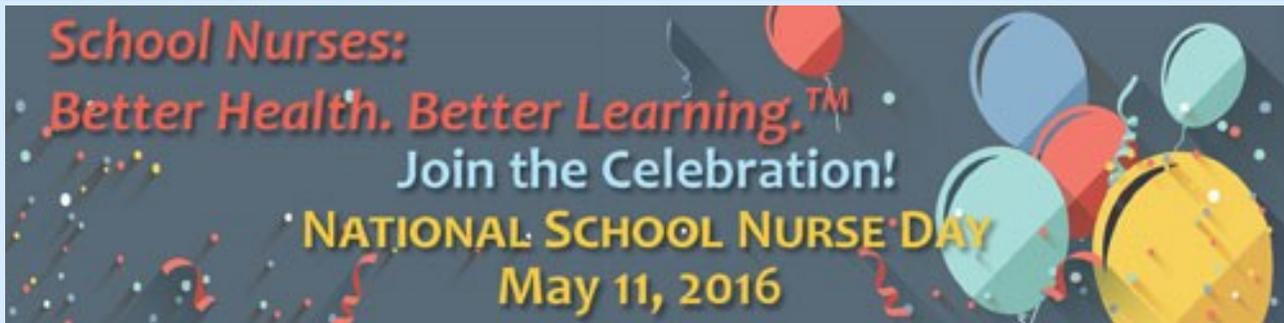


# THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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*Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, proclaims May 11, 2016, as School Nurse Day in the State of Connecticut.*  
(See Proclamation on Page 2)



### **Five Ways a School Nurse Benefits the School**

(The full text is located on the National Association of School Nurses' Web site at <https://www.nasn.org/Portals/0/about/FiveWays.pdf>)

**Attendance** - School nurses improve attendance through health promotion, disease prevention and disease management. Students with a full-time school nurse have about half the student illness- or injury-related early releases from school where no school nurse is present.

**Academics** - Improved attendance means the healthy student is in the classroom and ready to learn. School Nurses enable better performance, which also contributes to reducing drop-out rates.

**Time** - School nurses save time for principals, teachers and staff. A school nurse in the building saves principals, teachers, and clerical staff a considerable amount of time that they would have spent addressing health concerns of students.

A school nurse in the building saves:

- principals almost an hour a day;
- teachers almost 20 minutes a day; and
- clerical staff over 45 minutes a day

**Staff Wellness** - School nurses improve the general health of staff. According to school reports, principals, teachers, and clerical staff are VERY satisfied with having school nurses in their schools for several reasons:

- teachers can focus on teaching;
- office staff spend less time calling parents and sending students home; and
- healthy staff means increased attendance and productivity.

**Accountability** - School nurses help schools stay accountable by:

- promoting compliance with federal and state law mitigates lawsuits;
- advocating for adequate staffing aligns with Healthy People 2020 recommendations of the ratio of one school nurse per 750 well students (1:750); and
- preparing for emergencies saves lives and property.

State of Connecticut



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

On behalf of the State of Connecticut,  
I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor,  
take great pleasure in  
recognizing  
*School Nurses*  
in the State of Connecticut.

*S*chool Nurse Day recognizes the  
important role school nurses play  
in the State of Connecticut.

*P*roviding students with access to health  
professionals is a critical component to ensuring our  
students are ready and able to learn. The  
commitment school nurses have to  
our students is commendable.

*I* thank you for your outstanding dedication  
to the success and wellness of Connecticut's  
future generations.

Therefore, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut,  
do hereby proclaim May 11, 2016 as

*School Nurse Day*  
in the State of Connecticut.



  
GOVERNOR

**2015-16 School Health Services Program Information Survey**  
**and**  
**Concussion Reporting**

**Deadline: Monday, June 15, 2016**

Public Act No. 14-66, *An Act Concerning Youth Athletics and Concussions* requires that for the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the State Board of Education shall require all local and regional school districts to collect and report all occurrences of concussions to the board.

In response to this new reporting requirement, **the CSDE has incorporated concussion questions into the existing CSDE Survey** that is completed annually by school nurses and school nurse supervisors throughout the state since 2004. While the full completion of the Survey is not mandatory, the concussion questions are mandatory and must be completed by **all local and regional school districts** in order to comply with the concussion reporting requirements of Public Act No. 14-66.

All information needed to complete the Survey is located on the EDUCATION CONNECTION Web site at <http://www.educationconnection.org/school-services/center-for-program-research-evaluation-cpre/state-department-of-education-health-services-survey/>.

**2015 -16 ED 513 Report - Reimbursement of Health Services for Children**  
**in Nonprofit Private Schools**

Section 10-217a of the Connecticut General Statutes requires each town or regional school district that provides health services to children attending its public schools, in Kindergarten through Grade 12, to provide the same services to children in those grades who attend nonprofit private schools within their jurisdiction, when a majority of children in those nonprofit private schools are Connecticut residents. In order to administer the grant program, which funds the health services in these nonprofit private schools, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has determined that information is needed regarding the health services that participating towns or regional school districts provide to their public school children.

Form ED513, which serves as the blueprint for each town or regional school district that delivers health services to children attending its eligible nonprofit private schools, **must now be completed online by the local or regional school district of each participating town**. Please note the following:

- Access the CSDE's data collection Web site at <https://www.csde.state.ct.us> and complete the 2015-16, information for the ED513 report for your district by **Monday, June 15, 2016**; and
- Follow the instructions for the security pop-up windows until reaching the Web page that lists the various Department data collection options. Click on "ED513 Health Services Plan - Current and Prior Years."

Questions regarding the Web site may be referred to Bhuvana (Bonne) Pathman, in the Bureau of Grants Management at 860-713-6458 or [bonne.pathman@ct.gov](mailto:bonne.pathman@ct.gov). If you have questions regarding the eligibility of a particular health service, please feel free to contact me at 860-807-2108 or [stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov).

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