

School Health Services

2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT

Tennessee Coordinated School Health (CSH) connects physical, emotional, and social health with education through eight interrelated components. This coordinated approach improves students’ health and their capacity to learn through the support of families, communities, and schools working together. Health Services, one of the eight components, bridges healthcare and education through the provision of care coordination, advocacy for quality student-centered care, and collaboration. Access to school health services is associated with improved health outcomes for students and is linked to academic success.

The Tennessee Department of Education (department) surveys public and non-public accredited schools annually to monitor compliance with state school health laws and to assess the scope of school health services provided to Tennessee students, as mandated in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-50-1602(a)(4).

The Annual School Health Services Report highlights the data submitted to the department by public school districts, public charter schools, and non-public schools. This report summarizes the healthcare needs of Tennessee students and health services provided by school nursing staff during the 2024-25 school year.

Data was collected through the administration of the annual Health Services Survey. The data reveal that school nurses perform a wide range of duties—health education, direct care, case management, and program and policy development and oversight—supporting students whose health needs vary from routine to serious and complex. Additionally, some school nurses provide services to school faculty and staff.

The survey was completed by 146 local education agencies (LEAs) and a total of 67 public charters and 294 non-public schools.

146 LEAs

67 Public Charters Schools

294 Non-Public Schools

Total Numbers of Health Office Visits

	LEA	Public Charter	Non- Public
Total Visits	5,262,093	55,559	109,425
Returned to Class	89%	88%	90%
911 Called for Student	3,080	37	22
Referral to a Healthcare Provider	86,525	2,607	1,864
Return to Class Rate for Non-Nurse Visits	80%	81%	86%

STUDENT CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

Total Number of Students Diagnosed with a Chronic Health Condition Medically Diagnosed by a Healthcare Provider

LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
150,388	7,665	20,754

Top 3 Most Common Chronic Health Conditions

	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
1	 39,194	 4,451	 11,533
2	 28,897	 1,459	 3,856
3	 25,539	 920	 2,025
	Other chronic health conditions experienced by students (listed in order of prevalence) include mental health diagnoses, Autism Spectrum Disorder, seizure disorders, diabetes type 1, diabetes type 2, and adrenal insufficiency	Other chronic health conditions experienced by students (listed in order of prevalence) include mental health diagnosis, Autism Spectrum Disorder, seizure disorder, diabetes type 1, and diabetes type 2	Other chronic health conditions experienced by students (listed in order of prevalence) include mental health diagnosis, Autism Spectrum Disorder, seizure disorder, diabetes type 1, and diabetes type 2



ADHD



Severe / life-threatening allergy / anaphylaxis



Asthma

HEALTHCARE PROVIDED

Total Number of Students who Received a Medication During the School Day

LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
142,979	1,501	29,475



Top 3 Routes of Medicine that Occurred at School

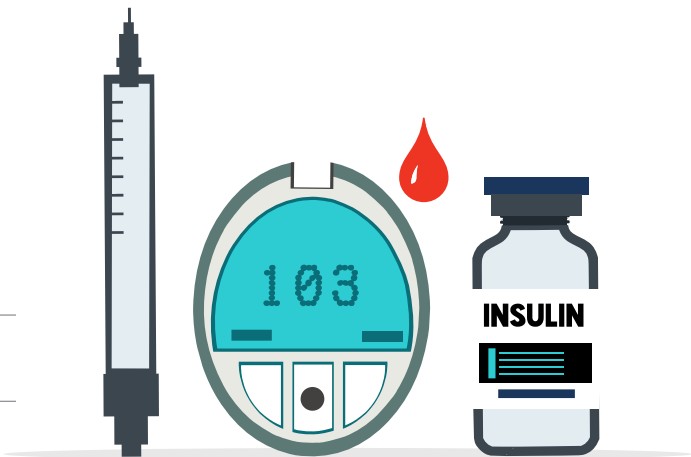
	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
1	 91,311	 647	 18,931
2	 23,555	 572	 7,438
3	 12,847	 62	 1,112

 Oral  Topical  Inhalation/Nebulizer

 Medication, other than insulin, by injection (*shot under the skin or in the muscle*)

Total Number of Students who had a Procedure During the School Day

LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
10,432	174	70



Top 3 Procedures

	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
1	 2,767	 88	 151
2	 2,454	 85	 148
3	 1,916	 57	 124



Blood Glucose Monitoring



Wound Care



Carbohydrate Counting



Oxygen Saturation



Insulin Pump Management



Ketone Testing

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Total Number of Emergency Medications/Treatments Administered to Students at School or During a School-Sponsored Activity

	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
Albuterol	27,860	503	538
Epinephrine	374	27	10
Emergency Seizure Medication	279	14	*
Opioid Antagonist	46	*	*

*Suppressed data due to low number of doses

Number of Full-Time or Part-Time Employees who Received CPR Training & Certification During the School Year

	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
Training	27,099	764	5,012
Certification	19,073	602	4,592

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)



LEA

5,177 Total

99% of districts have an AED in every school

Public Charter

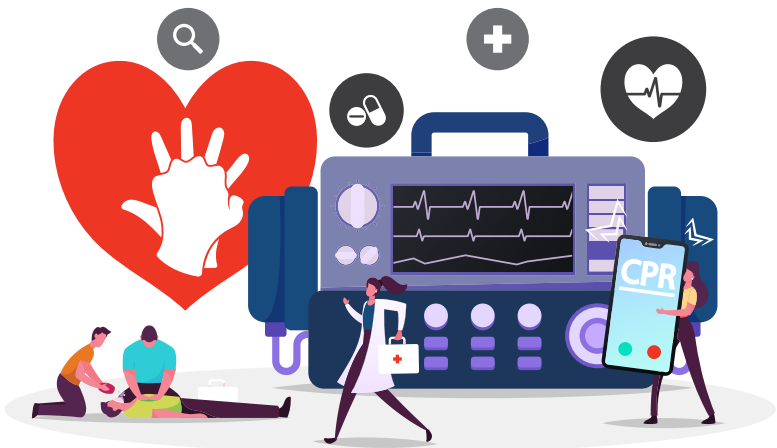
157 Total

97% have an AED on site

Non-Public

677 Total

71% of reporting schools have an AED on site



SCHOOL NURSE WORKFORCE

Total Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Nurses

	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
Full-Time	1,655	57	109
Part-Time	113	23	51

Total FTE Nurses in Public Schools Providing Services to All Students

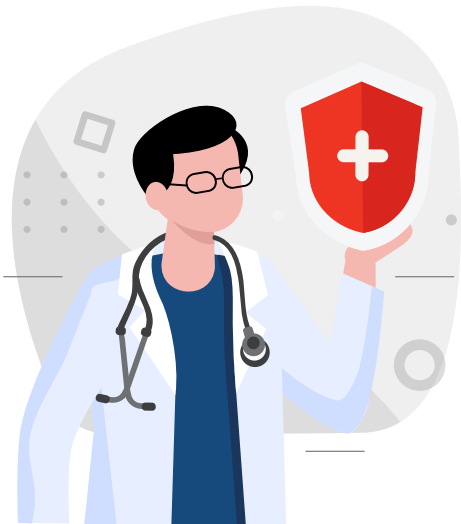
	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
DNP	8	0	5.5
MSN	73	3	10.6
BSN	603.92	10.5	55.03
RN	457.16	13.11	43.08
LPN	564.34	14	16
TOTAL	1,706.42	40.61	130.21

Total FTE Nurses Assigned to Provide a Student with Related Services, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-10-102(7)(B)

	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
DNP	0	0	1
MSN	1	0	0
BSN	18.5	0	0
RN	10	5.5	5
LPN	57	3	0
TOTAL	86.5	8.5	6

Access to School Nurses

	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
Schools that do not have access to a full-time school nurse (RN/LPN)	331	32	207
Schools or Districts that did not meet the 1:750 recommended nurse-to-student ratio	6 DISTRICTS	12 SCHOOLS	N/A



HEALTH SCREENINGS

Total Number of Health Screenings Conducted

LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
1,026,238 IN 146 DISTRICTS	29,331 IN 67 SCHOOLS	15,764 IN 77 SCHOOLS



Top 3 Screenings

In LEAs, public charter, and non-public schools the top health screenings provided to students:



VISION



HEARING



BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS/TELEHEALTH

Total Number of Districts/Schools that Partner with Local Health Care Providers to Deliver Medical Care On-Site or Through a Virtual Link (telehealth), with Parent Knowledge and Consent

	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
School-based health centers	18 DISTRICTS	4 SCHOOLS	7 SCHOOLS
School-linked health centers	36 DISTRICTS	10 SCHOOLS	4 SCHOOLS

Top 3 Services Provided

	LEA	Public Charter	Non-Public
1	Sick Visits 40 DISTRICTS	Immunizations 7 SCHOOLS	Sick Visits 7 SCHOOLS
2	Mental Health 25 DISTRICTS	Sick Visits 5 SCHOOLS	Laboratory Services 6 SCHOOLS
3	Well-Child Check/ Physicals/EPSTD 24 DISTRICTS	Well-Child Check/ Physicals/EPSTD 2 SCHOOLS	Immunizations & Mental Health (tied) 5 SCHOOLS

Summary

The following strategies are recommended pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-50-1602(a)(4) to enhance Tennessee school health services programs and better support student health:

- **Increase access to full-time school nurses** to ensure students have consistent access to school health services throughout the school day.
- **Increase access to school-based health clinics and telehealth services** to provide timely medical care to students, with parent/guardian consent, without disrupting learning.
- **Strengthen partnerships with local health care providers** to support school health services, including follow-up care and preventive health initiatives.
- **Strengthen local policies and practices** to ensure students' healthcare needs are met during the school day and during all school-sponsored activities.

This report details compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-50-1602(a)(4).

Rationale

- Medication administration
- Health care procedures
- Recommendations for meeting the needs for comprehensive school health.

