

2025-2026 School Health Survey Report

Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind

In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-706, the annual School Health Survey was completed to assess student health needs and the delivery of school health services at the Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind. During the 2025-2026 school year, health services supported 154 students across two campuses.

Student Health Needs

A significant number of students required ongoing health management and support. The most commonly reported chronic health conditions included:

- 35 students with multiple chronic health conditions
- 27 students with asthma
- 15 students with depression
- 10 students with seizures
- 10 students with anxiety
- 9 students with life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis)
- 9 students with ADD/ADHD

Additionally, 33 students received long-term daily medications at school, with an average of 118 prescription medication doses administered each day.

Specialized Health Services

School nursing staff provided a wide range of specialized procedures and supports, including:

- 414 subcutaneous medication administrations
- 196 tube feedings
- 147 blood glucose checks
- 12 students receiving assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) due to disability
- Ongoing care coordination for students with complex medical needs

Mental Health Support

Mental health remained an important area of student support:

- 17 students were identified as receiving professional mental health services
- Nursing and counseling staff collaborated 25 times to address student mental health concerns
- Services were supported through the district's contract with RPI

Health Office Outcomes

During the school year, the health office recorded numerous student encounters with the following outcomes:

- 868 students returned to class following assessment/treatment
- 78 students sent home due to illness or health concerns
- 15 students sent home at parent discretion
- 3 students referred for medical attention
- 3 students sent to the emergency room
- 8 students referred to the school counselor

Safety, Prevention, and Training

The district maintained important health and safety readiness measures, including:

- Stock emergency medications such as albuterol and epinephrine
- Availability of opioid overdose response medication (Narcan/Naloxone)
- 25 students and/or staff trained in Stop the Bleed
- No student or adult opioid overdoses reported
- No sudden cardiac arrests, adrenal crises, or pregnancy-related cases reported

Conclusion

The 2025-2026 survey data demonstrates the critical role school health services play in supporting student wellness, safety, and academic success. School nursing staff provided comprehensive care for students with complex medical needs while addressing both physical and mental health concerns. Continued collaboration among health services,

counseling staff, families, and community partners remains essential to ensuring students receive the support necessary to thrive in school.

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