



Oregon Department of Education  
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# 2013 Annual School Nurse Report



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## Executive Summary

Many Oregon students arrive at school with health conditions that influence the student's ability to access and benefit from the education provided. School nurses help to meet the needs of such students.

Oregon law sets forth staffing ratios for the following:

- nurses and medically complex students (1:225)
- nurses and medically fragile students (1:125)
- nurses and nursing-dependent students (1:1)
- encouraged: nurses and enrolled students (1:750)

Oregon law also directs the Oregon Department of Education to report to interim legislative committees information regarding the availability of licensed practical nurses, registered nurses and school nurses in each school district and the number of medically complex, medically fragile, and nursing dependent students in each school district. The report is due October 1 of each year and covers the prior school year.

### School Nurse Availability

2012-13 School Year			
School Year	# of Students Reported	Nurses Reported (total combined FTE)	Ratio
2010-11	472,388	230	1:2,053
2011-12	428,421	235	1:1,823
Data submitted by school districts during the annual collection	414,058	177.74	
Data solicited from districts by phone	149,461	86.96	
<b>2012-13 Total</b>	<b>563,519</b>	<b>264.70</b>	<b>1:2,128</b>

The ratio of nurses to students, in districts reporting data for the 2012-2013 school year is **1:2,128**

### Students in Need of Nursing Care

2012-13 School Year			
School Year	# of Medically Complex Students	# of Medically Fragile Students	# of Nursing Dependent Students
2010-11	8,073	1,997	280
2011-12	12,705	3,178	89
Data submitted by school districts during the annual collection	14,717	2,124	100
Data solicited from districts by phone	2,772	373	24
<b>2012-13 Total</b>	<b>17,489</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>124</b>

*The complete report is available on the Oregon Department of Education website (2013 Medically Fragile Data Collection) at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3910>*