

# Oregon School Nurse Survey

2023

"The **depth of impact** that you can make with the health of a **single student**, and the **breadth of impact** that you can make with the health of the **whole school population**, is an incredible opportunity."

## Schools Served Per Full-Time RN\*

12% served 1 school

15% served 6 or more

## Oregon School Nursing Work Done By Most Surveyed RNs

- Individualized care for student physical & mental health
- Supervising staff providing care
  - School health policies
  - Community health promotion & disease prevention
- Teaching school staff
- Leadership teams
- Data collection

## Students' Nursing Care Delegated\*\* to Unlicensed Assistive Staff (often a secretary or classroom aide)

If a full-time RN served 1 school they trained and supervised an average of 6 staff

If a full-time RN served 6 or more schools, they trained and supervised an average of 17 staff

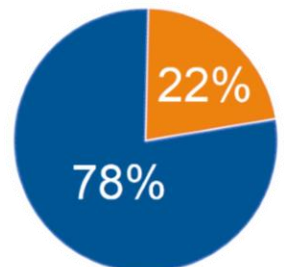
99% Provided Essential Health Trainings for School Staff such as anaphylaxis response and other lifesaving protocols

"I love **building relationships** with families and students! **Seeing their success** brings me so much joy."  
-Oregon school nurse

## RN Health Expertise Supports Oregon Students

% of RNs by Years Practicing

- 9 or fewer
- 10 or more



School Nurse Survey was conducted from May-June 2023 by Oregon Health Authority. 234 of the ~400 registered nurses (RN) working in Oregon schools responded.

\*Recommended: 1 full-time RN per school.

\*\*Delegated nursing procedure examples: tube feeding, insulin dosing, catheterization. Per available data, > 3 delegations per RN may increase provider errors and decrease student safety.

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