

This brochure highlights data submitted to the Utah Department of Health during the 2020-2021 school year by 39 of 41 school districts (95%), and 19 of 114 charter schools (17%).

This information represents 99% of students in school districts, 27% of charter school students, and 90% of all Utah public school students.

### Facts:

School nurses view the student as a complete person with physiologic and emotional states that can alter the child's educational readiness. School nurses are trained to calmly handle both medical and emotional crises in students. This frees the teacher to focus on teaching.

School nurses have specialized training and assessment skills necessary to provide competent caring hands and a confident calming voice which brings immediate comfort to a frightened child who is ill or injured.

School nurses allow districts to meet legal requirements by providing medical care to students at school by training, delegating, and utilizing proper documentation procedures. School nurses prevent legal liability for schools by promoting correct care delivery.

## School Nurse Staffing in Utah 2020-2021

- 293 (241 FTE) licensed registered nurses
- 3 (2.2 FTE) licensed practical nurses
- 181 (102 FTE) health assistants
- 665,306 students on 1,046 public school campuses
- Only 27 of 1,046 (2.5%) of Utah public schools meet the national recommendation of one registered nurse per school

*"School nurses enhance each child's educational potential by promoting physical and emotional wellness, increasing school attendance, and decreasing non-academic barriers to learning."*  
Dr. William Cosgrove

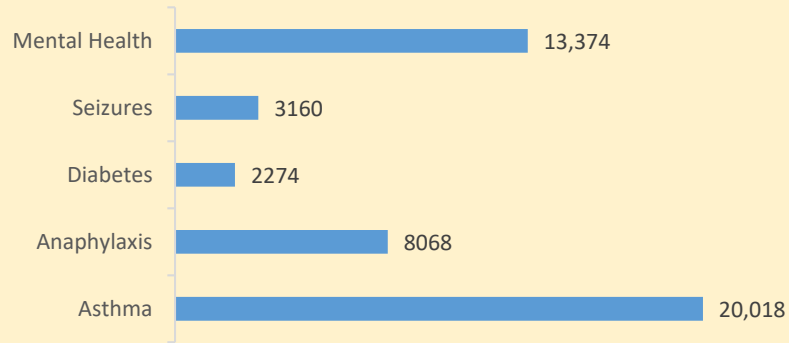


## Nursing Services in Utah Public Schools Summary Report 2020-2021

School Nurses in Utah: Keeping  
Students Healthy, Safe, and  
Ready to Learn



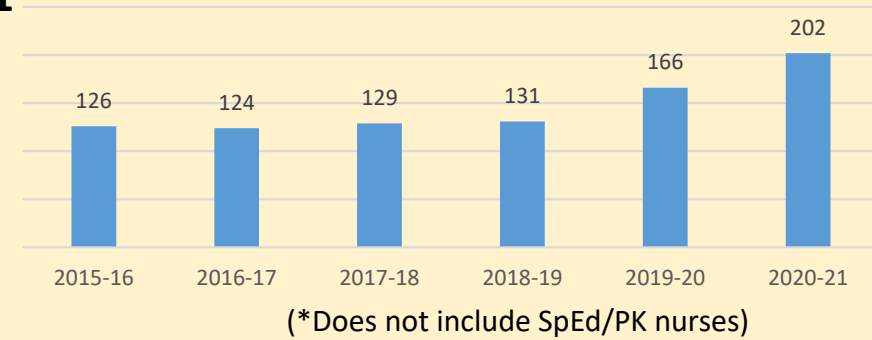
### Health Conditions of Students, 2020-2021



### Emergency Rescue Medication Administered at School, 2020-2021

- Naloxone was administered once
- Epinephrine was administered 31 times
- Seizure rescue medications were administered 27 times
- Glucagon was administered four times

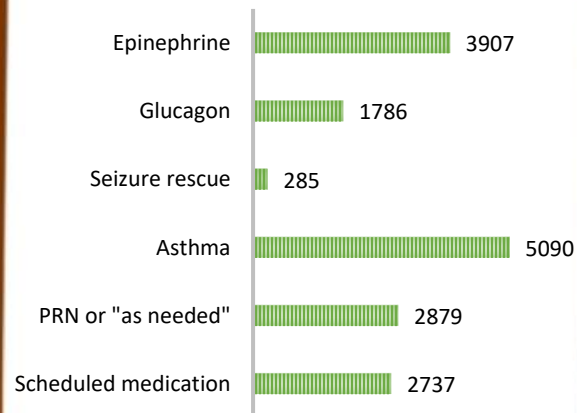
### Total Utah School Nurse FTE by Year



### Students with a Medical Diagnosis, 2020-2021

- 20,018 students had an asthma diagnosis
- 8,068 students had a life-threatening allergy diagnosis
- 2,274 students had a diabetes diagnosis (2,196 with type 1 diabetes, 78 with type 2 diabetes)
- 3,160 students had a seizure disorder diagnosis
- 13,374 students had a mental health diagnosis

### MEDICATION ORDERS 2020-2021



### Student Screenings, 2020-2021\*

- 66,125 students received a vision screening at school
- 5,474 students were referred to an eye care professional
- 4,864 students received an oral health screening
- 150 students received restorative services through a school sponsored oral health program

**\* Numbers greatly reduced due to COVID-19**