

## HISTORY of MAJOR FLORIDA SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

FY 1972-73	Governor's Citizens Committee on Education highlighted gaps in the delivery of school health services to public and non-public schools. The committee identified a need for a uniform, basic, statewide system of school health services.
FY 1974-75	School Health Services Act of 1974 signed into law. Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS), in conjunction with the Department of Education assigned responsibility for administrative oversight of statewide program to provide mandated basic school health services for students. The basic school health program was not fully funded.
FY 1979-80	First significant state funding for school health services provided for school nurse visits to elementary and middle schools for at least three hours weekly.
FY 1982-83	School Health Services Manual (HRS Manual 150-25) developed and distributed in April 1983 to provide procedures and instructions for the implementation of school health services program in public and nonpublic schools.
FY 1986-87	School Nursing Feasibility Study mandated by Legislature to study feasibility of providing school nursing services for each public school in the state. Three staffing models of varying costs and combinations of staff recommended.
FY 1987-88	Florida School Health Services Needs Assessment Project directed by the Florida Legislature to assess selected indicators of school health service needs and performance. University of South Florida conducted the study under contract with Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and published the final report in February 1988.
FY 1988-89	School Health Improvement Pilot Projects implemented to increase services as described in the 1987 School Nursing Feasibility Study. Projects established in Manatee, Escambia, Pinellas and Highlands counties to demonstrate the effectiveness of increased nursing staffing on the quality and quantity of services. School Health Services Manual (HRS Manual 150-25) revised and distributed in February 1989 to provide updated procedures and instructions for school health services programs in public and nonpublic schools.
FY 1990-91	Section 402.321, F.S. created to expand school health services to promote student health and prevent teenage pregnancy. Twenty-eight Supplemental School Health Services projects funded jointly through the Department of Education and Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (\$9 million). Section 402.3026 F.S created to establish Full Service Schools to provide services for high risk students. \$9 million was appropriated for the Department Of Education to establish Full Service Schools to collocate and integrate an array of social, economic and parent support activities on school campuses in high risk communities.
FY 1991-92	Funding appropriated to create 21 additional Supplemental School Health Services (SSHS) projects. The original 4 School Health Improvement Pilot Projects were incorporated into SSHS for a total of 53 projects.
FY 1992-93	Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) projects funded (\$16.5 million) for construction of Full Service Schools facilities on school sites.
FY 1993-94	Funding increase of \$400,000 for new Supplemental School Health Services projects.
FY 1994-95	Supplemental School Health Services Project funding increased \$2,000,000 to expand the program for a total of 57 projects in 47 counties. School Health Services Plan and Florida Administrative Code 64F-6 revised to conform with legislation creating Supplemental School Health Services and Full Service Schools.
FY 1996-97	Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services split into 2 agencies – Department of Health, and Department of Children and Families.

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	School Health Services remained under the Department of Health.
FY 1997-98	Basic School Health Funding increased by \$500,000. Funding granted to 22 counties on a 50% match basis. Pilot “Excellence in School Nursing” workshop conducted in June 1998 to provide orientation for new school nurses. Initial regional workshops conducted at least twice annually. A statewide workshop is conducted at least annually.
FY 1998-99	Responsibility for Full Service Schools transferred from the Department of Education to the Department of Health, with a new appropriation (\$11 million Tobacco Settlement funds) given to fund the program. Basic School Health Services funding increase of \$4.5 million from the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund. Allocation methodology increased each local budget to fund at least one full time school nurse. U.S. Supreme Court rules that school districts are responsible for nursing care during school day for students with special health care needs (Garrett vs the Iowa Board of Education).
FY 1999-00	Section 381.0059, F.S., mandated Level 2 background screening for any person who provides services under a school health plan pursuant to s. 381.0056, F.S. Legislature mandated study to investigate the feasibility of providing special education for school health nurses. The “ <i>Report on the Feasibility of Requiring Additional Specialized Training for School Nurses</i> ” was published in February 2000.
FY 2000-01	Legislature provided \$1 million in funding for the Volunteer School Nurse program. Six pilot projects covering 8 counties initiated. Program volunteers supplement school health services staff to extend health services in schools. Legislature mandated use of County Health Department Trust Funds for 4 Special Projects in Dade, Hillsborough, Broward and Palm Beach counties to increase RN to student ratios. Legislature shifted \$1 million of Comprehensive School Health Services Projects funding from General Revenue and \$1 million Full Service Schools Tobacco Settlement Trust funds to Temporary Aid for Needy Families.
FY 2001-02	Special legislative session (mid-year) reduced Full Service Schools Tobacco Settlement Trust funds by \$1.5 million.
FY 2002-03	Legislature shifted partial school health funding from General Revenue to Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund. \$7 million in Comprehensive School Health Services Project (CSHSP) funding shifted from General Revenue to Title XXI (Child Health Insurance Program). Program reorganization implemented to bring all CSHSP staff under County Health Departments for Medicaid billing purposes. School Health Volunteer Nurse Program funding reduced from \$1 million to \$750,000. “ <i>Nursing Guidelines for the Delegation of Care for Students with Diabetes in Florida Schools</i> ” developed and published to provide information, guidelines, and best practices for the nursing delegation of care for students with diabetes.
FY 2003-04	Legislature discontinued mandate for funding school health Special Projects in Dade, Hillsborough, Broward, Palm Beach, Monroe and Escambia counties (\$1.75 million). Department Of Health completed a 3-year program to promote higher professional standards through National School Nurse Certification. Over 300 Florida school nurses received national certification under the program since 2001.
FY 2004-05	Department Of Health (DOH) “ <i>Policy on Sliding Scale Insulin in Schools</i> ” implemented in July 2004 to address the issue of written practitioner sliding scale insulin orders in the school setting for the management of children with diabetes.

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	<p>Three statewide interactive web-based workshops for school nurses were conducted on “<i>Nursing Guidelines for the Delegation of Care of Students with Diabetes in Florida Schools</i>”. This training addressed diabetes policy, carbohydrate counting, and calculating insulin dosages.</p> <p>DOH “<i>Nursing Guidelines for the Delegation of Care for Students with Asthma in Florida Schools</i>” developed and published to provide criteria for the training and delegation of care for students with asthma.</p>
FY 2005-06	<p>Legislature reduced school health funding by \$1 million in Temporary Aid for Needy Families.</p> <p>Legislature amended s. 1002.20, F.S. to create the Kelsey Ryan Act which allows public school students who have life-threatening allergic reactions to carry and self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector while in school, participating in school-sponsored activities, or in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities if the school has been provided with parental and physician authorization.</p>
FY 2006-07	<p>Department of Health guideline “<i>Role of the Professional School Nurse in the Delegation of Care in Florida Schools</i>” was distributed in August 2006. This document clarifies the role of the school nurse and delegation issues, and provides guidance to school nurses in the training and delegation of paraprofessionals.</p> <p>Legislature amended s. 381.0056, F.S. to require that school health advisory committee membership represents the eight component areas of the Coordinated School Health model as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.</p> <p>Florida School Health Administrative Guidelines were developed and replaced HRS Manual 150-25 in April 2007. This document provides program management and policy guidance to county school health programs for effective school-based health services.</p> <p>Legislature provided \$1 million in non-recurring Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant Funding to school health.</p> <p>Last annual “Excellence in School Nursing” workshop conducted in October 2006 to provide orientation for new school nurses.</p>
FY 2007-08	<p>Legislature replaced \$7 million in non-recurring Comprehensive School Health Services Project funding from Federal Title XXI (Child Health Insurance Program), \$1 million in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), and \$1 million in non-recurring MCH Block Funds with \$9 million in non-recurring Children’s Medical Services Donations Trust Fund (effective 7/1/08).</p> <p>Legislature reduced Volunteer School Nurse (VSN) program funding by \$650,000. The VSN programs serving 11 counties were eliminated (effective 7/1/08).</p>
FY 2008-09	<p>Legislature reduced School Health funding by \$88,357 in General Revenue.</p>
FY 2009-10	<p>Legislature reduced School Health funding by \$2 million from the Children’s Medical Services Donations Trust Fund (\$1 million Comprehensive School Health Services Projects, and \$1 million Basic school health services).</p>

**NOTES: State Fiscal Year (FY) – July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections [381.0056](#), [381.0057](#), and [402.3026](#), F.S.**