



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
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## 2015-16 Annual Health Services Notification Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year! Your child has the opportunity to participate in health services through the School Health Services Plan provided by the Escambia County School District, PSA Healthcare (a local health care provider) and the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County.

As required in Section 381.0056, Florida Statutes, our District's School Health Services Plan helps to enhance learning by promoting health and wellness for children. The Escambia County School District has contracted with PSA Healthcare to provide school health services for all of our schools. Your child's school will be staffed with a health technician or licensed practical nurse who is supervised by a registered nurse. The school nurse may be assigned to one or more schools; however, the health technician or licensed practical nurse can assist you in contacting the registered nurse, if needed.

All student health information is kept confidential and is only shared with those staff members who have a legitimate need to know health and safety concerns. In addition, registered nurses and health educators provided through the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County will continue to support health education in our schools.

### Health Services May Include:

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| Health Appraisals  | Health Counseling             | Referrals & Follow-up      |
| Health Promotion   | Disease and Injury Prevention | Emergency Care             |
| Nursing Assessment | Health Education              | Parent/Community Education |
| Home Visits        | Health Consultations          | Screenings                 |
| Record Review      |                               |                            |

State and program required screenings are performed in the grades listed below. Additional grades may be screened as funds and staffing resources allow. Enhanced screenings may include dental screenings. Individual students may be referred for screenings as needed. Additionally, students entering Florida schools for the first time in grades K-5 will be screened for vision, and hearing. Parents are encouraged to seek medical evaluation of problems identified through the screening process.

### Screenings:

- Hearing----- K, 1, 6, and Referrals
- Vision----- K, 1, 3, 6, and Referrals
- Growth and Development (Body Mass Index)----- 1, 3, 6, and Referrals
- Scoliosis (curvature of the spine)----- 6 and Referrals

Results of screenings will be available in the school clinic and are available to parents/guardians upon request. **Parent/Guardians who do not wish for their child to participate in health services and/or screenings must inform the school in writing each year.**

Sincerely,  
Martha Hanna, RN  
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Health Services Coordinator  
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