

CATEGORY:	POPULATION HEALTH
SUB-CATEGORY:	COMMUNITY HEALTH
GROUP:	COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING
DISTRIBUTION:	ALL POPULATION HEALTH STAFF
TITLE:	CO-ORDINATION OF SCHOOL BASED HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction to staff within the Population Health Branch who are involved in providing health promotion services to children and staff within the school setting.

POLICY

The Public/Community Health Nurse (P/CHN) must be the primary contact for any health promotion initiative to be carried out in the school by employees of Western Health.

The (P/CHN) Community Health Nurse (Public Health Focus) must be responsible to develop an annual action plan and initiate health promotion initiatives within the individual schools, based on the identified need as determined by the Comprehensive School Health Needs Assessment ([see policy #18-03-460](#)). Where necessary, the (P/CHN) will create partnerships and avail of services from staff within Western Health and/or other community agencies and be responsible for coordinating the action plan for all health promotion initiatives offered by Western Health Staff that occur within the school setting.

This policy supports the implementation of the “Healthy Students, Healthy Schools Initiative” which aims to create school environments that support healthy living for children and youth as well as the larger school community.

Prior to engaging in any health promotion campaign or health education initiative within the educational system, all Population Health staff must contact the P/CHN assigned to the specific school where the proposed project is to occur. As the key entry point, the P/CHN will collaborate with the appropriate program staff from Western Health and

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liaise with the school administration in supporting the identified health initiative for that school.

REFERENCE

[Model for the Co-ordination of Services to Children and Youth in Newfoundland and Labrador \(policy 6-04-30\)](#)

School Health Resource Binder 2004

[School Health Program \(Policy # 18-03-460\)](#)

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