

Alberta Health Services works with parents, schools & community agencies to provide a range of coordinated health services for school age children and their families. Our common goal is to improve students' health & learning outcomes. A variety of health services are provided.

Nursing	Pediatric Rehabilitation
<p><b>Promoting Health</b> Registered Nurses work with school staff &amp; families to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>support teachers with their core health education curriculum, such as sexuality, hygiene, and body image</li> <li>provide health resources.</li> <li>link children/families with community agencies &amp; resources, such as vision and hearing supports.</li> <li>promote health in areas, such as, healthy eating, active living, positive mental health, injury prevention, dental health, sexual health, tobacco/cannabis/addictions prevention and reduction.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communicable Disease Control</b> Registered Nurses provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>communicable disease surveillance through monitoring of school absenteeism rates</li> <li>infection control consultation</li> <li>communicable disease follow-up for students</li> </ul> <p><b>Immunizations</b> Children below grade 1 are recommended to have their preschool immunizations at the Public Health Centre.</p> <p>Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses provide immunizations to students in schools, with parent/guardian consent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 1, 6 &amp; 9: Immunization records are reviewed, and parents/guardians are notified if their children are due for any primary vaccines.</li> <li>Grade 6: Hepatitis B &amp; Human Papillomavirus immunizations</li> <li>Grade 9: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough) booster &amp; meningococcal immunization</li> <li>Additional childhood immunizations may be provided for students up to grade 9 with consent from parent/guardian.</li> </ul> <p>For more information about immunizations please go to: <a href="http://www.alberta.ca/immunization">Immunization (alberta.ca)</a> or call your local public health centre.</p>	<p>AHS offers services for children and youth who have (neuro) developmental and/or medical conditions. Focus is to help children and youth live well, build resiliency and take part in activities meaningful to them and their families.</p> <p>An episode of rehabilitation care may be provided if the child or youth has new functional needs in the service area, as a result of a significant change in their underlying or newly identified medical or neurodevelopmental condition.</p> <p>Service providers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speech-language pathologists</li> <li>Occupational therapists</li> <li>Physiotherapists</li> <li>Audiologists</li> <li>Therapy assistants</li> </ul> <p>Parents and legal guardians can self-refer by calling Central Access at <b>780-735-3489</b>.</p> <p>For more information, visit the AHS Pediatric Rehabilitation: Information for Parents &amp; Caregivers: <a href="https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page16633.aspx">https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page16633.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Please note:</b> Some rehabilitation services are provided by schools and school districts. Contact your school principal for information about available services.</p>
Dental/Oral Health	Addiction & Mental Health
<p><b>In all schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten to Grade 3 Oral Health lesson plans and education resources are available at <a href="http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/services/Page13173.aspx">http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/services/Page13173.aspx</a></li> <li>Grade 4 to 6 Oral Health lesson plans and education resources are available from the school nurse.</li> </ul> <p><b>In designated schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dental screenings and fluoride varnish applications for kindergarten to Grade 2 students.</li> <li>Dental Sealant applications for Grade 1 and 2 students.</li> <li>Follow-up with parents for urgent concerns.</li> </ul>	<p>School nurses provide support to their school community, by providing consultation, wayfinding and linking teachers, students and their families to available resources based on need.</p> <p>Prevention and Promotion: Refer to the following web resources for additional information/supports:</p> <p><a href="#">Schools &amp; Educators   Alberta Health Services</a></p> <p><a href="#">Get ideas that work - Take Action - Healthier Together Schools</a></p> <p><a href="#">Children &amp; Youth   Alberta Health Services</a></p> <p><b>Child and Adolescent Addiction and Mental Health Programs</b> provide crisis and treatment services to youth up to 17 years old and their families.</p> <p>Central Intake.....825-402-6799</p> <p><a href="#">InformAlberta.ca - View List: Child and Adolescent Addiction and Mental Health Services - Edmonton Zone</a></p>
<p><b>Still have questions?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reach out to your school's local community health centre and ask to speak with your School Nurse.</li> <li>The <a href="#">Healthier Together Schools</a> website helps staff, students, and communities to support healthy schools using the comprehensive school health framework. Included is the <i>Provincial Teachers Resource List</i> with classroom resources &amp; supplementary information on different health topics.</li> </ul>	