

ELL Tips for School Staff: School Nurses

Here are some ways that nurses can support English language learners (ELLs).



Health Services at School

ELLs and their families may not be familiar with health services at your school. Ensure that students and families know how to find the clinic and what's offered there.



Contacting the School Nurse

Tell families how to contact the school nurse and share important health information, such as students' allergies or medical conditions.



Welcoming Students

Greet students warmly and look for ways to make the clinic welcoming by posting signs in students' languages. Offer kid-friendly items like stickers.



Language Support

Find out what language resources are available, such as interpreters, language lines, and approved translation apps. Ask for additional training if needed.



Community Resources

Connect families with local resources related to health, mental health, food, child care, and other basic needs, such as clinics, health organizations, and universities.



Immigrant Families

Families' access to health care may be impacted by their immigration status. All students have a right to a free public K-12 education, regardless of their immigration status.

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