JOB DESCRIPTION: SCHOOL NURSE

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Possess a valid Mississippi Nursing License
2. Possess a minimum of one year of work experience in the health care area
3. Possess good verbal and written communication skills
4. Possess organizational and time management skills, and the ability to communicate well with children, parents, school faculty and administration
5. Possess the ability to work independently according to all nursing practice standards
6. Certified in CPR (or obtain in the first 6 months)
7. Use a computer and various software applications
8. Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Jackson County School Board may find appropriate and acceptable.

REPORTS TO:

Principal

JOB GOAL

Ensure the health of all students as a means to ensure academic success

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

The major focus of school nursing services is the prevention of illness and disabilities and the early detection and correction of health problems. The school nurse promotes and protects the health status of students and staff through functions in all areas of Coordinated School Health.

A. HEALTH SERVICES

1. Provide health assessments
   a. Obtain a health history
   b. Screen and evaluate findings of deficit in vision, hearing, scoliosis, growth, etc. as directed
   c. Observe students as required for development and health patterns/concerns
   d. Participate in school registration process to procure parental consent and health insurance information
   e. Identifies abnormal health findings.

2. Develop and implement health plans and procedures
3. Provide direct nursing intervention
   a. Administer appropriate level of first aid for illness and injury, including CPR
   b. Administer/supervise medication per doctor’s orders and monitor the effects
   c. Provide individual health counseling concerning high-risk behaviors
   e. Utilize exiting resources to provide appropriate care of students.
   d. Counsel with students concerning problems such as pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and substance abuse in order to facilitate responsible decision-making practices.

B. HEALTH EDUCATION

1. Provide health education for students, staff and parents
   a. Coordinates school and community health activities and serves as a liaison health professional between home, school and community.
   b. Act as a resource person in promoting health careers.
   c. Serve as a resource person to the school staff members in health instruction.

2. Serve as a resource person in health education
   a. Participate in health curriculum planning and evaluation
   b. Promote drop-out prevention programs
   c. Provides consultation in the formation of health policies, goals and objectives for the school district.
   d. Where applicable, participates in the IEP Plan development.

C. HEALTHY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

1. Recommend provisions for a safe, healthy school environment
2. Serve on school/district health council
3. Promote and assist in control of communicable diseases
4. Ensure that each student complies with the immunization requirements of the State of Mississippi
5. Confirm that students have medical emergency cards on file
6. Participate in wellness projects

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:
The school nurse will be employed 187 days; Salary to be determined by Board Policy GGBC.

EVALUATION:
Performance of this job will be evaluated by the Principal in accordance with the provisions of the Board's policy in evaluation of professional personnel.