

INTRODUCTION:

THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL HEALTH MANUAL

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The New Mexico School Health Manual was developed for the purpose of providing recommendations and guidelines to school nurses and other school health personnel for coordinated school health practice and programs throughout the state. NM state mandates that regulate school health practice are included in Section II.

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The NM School Health Manual was created in 1995 through the collaborative efforts of two groups: one review committee of the NM School Nurse Association (NMSNA) plus a state review committee comprised of staff from the Department of Health, the Public Education Department and representation from the NMSNA committee. The precedent established by that process has been honored in all subsequent revisions of the manual.

As the health related demands on schools continue to increase, a diverse group of school health and educational professionals contribute to maintaining current information in this manual as guidelines for all New Mexico schools. Revised material represents input from school counselors/social workers, therapists, nutritionists, health educators, physicians as well as a core group of school nurses. Medical information in the manual revisions is reviewed by Department of Health staff and the School Health Medical Officer to assure relevance and appropriateness of that information.

This manual is the result of the commitment of many individuals who are dedicated to one of the future's greatest resources---children. All who have contributed to this process are honored for their work and dedication.

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