

3 Space Descriptions

Health Services

Preventative health services provided to improve the health and well-being of children. These services are focused on early detection, correction, and prevention of diseases, disabilities, and abuses from which school children may suffer.

General Needs

- » Trends: what will be the potential need and ramifications down the road if/when parents start pushing to have their special needs students remain in their home school versus being transported to the school that has the services required? Can services continue to be centralized into one focused school? Likely not.
- » There are increased challenges for restroom demands with the introduction of special needs TK and preschool students. Needing more access to changing table capable facilities. Location of facilities are critical as time out from instructional minutes is disruptive.
- » Choices about how these students are cared for... within the instructional space, pulled out to the health center. Does the health center get closed down to other students while servicing these needs? What is the impact?
- » More students with medical health issues
- » Tending to such things as formula/feeding tubes, injections, catheters. Most of these activities are done in the nurse's station. Access to hot water/sink for cleaning is important.
- » It was noted that in several schools there is a backup of kids waiting for the nursing services.
- » Need two computer working spaces for the health assistant and the nurse, they are on-site together. Typically there are 2-3 staff on site at one time (including LVNs).
- » It would be nice to have parent pick-up close to the nurse station to easily transport sick children home.
- » Need two beds
- » Plenty of storage (upper cabinets, tall cabinet

storage, access to full size refrigerator) including space for bulkier items like wheelchairs, crutches, etc. Need additional wall space for the epi-pen container.

- » Need access to 15 lineal feet of floor space to perform vision screening (this occurs almost daily)
- » In the accessible restroom, push the toilet further away from the wall, such that the hoist can function and can be accessed from both sides (side note: can this be done from an ADA perspective?)
- » Not easily addressed in designing facilities, but location of summer schools is a problem as the dominant population attending are special needs kids and the equipment and supplies have to be transported when the site selected doesn't offer the services regularly.



Riverdale Ridge High School - Thornton, CO

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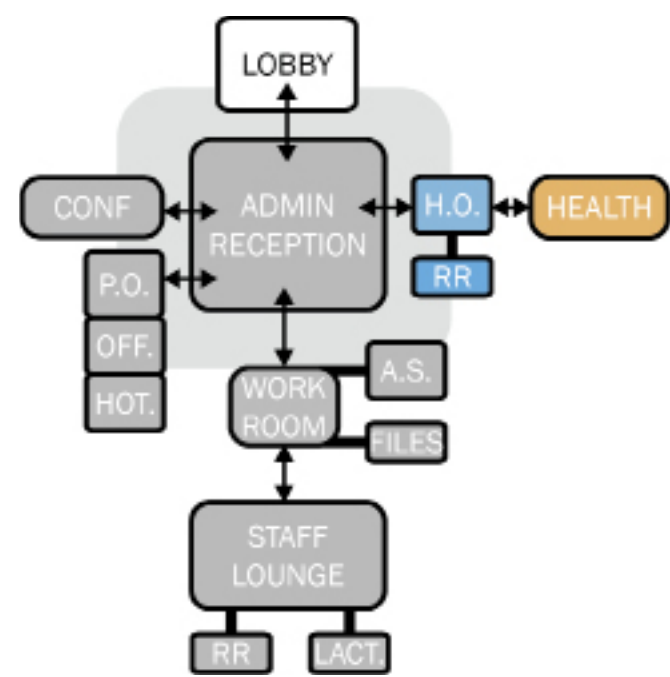
Health Room

Activities:
Examinations, health screening, vision and hearing testing, rest, and isolation.

Number of Occupants:
1 Staff, 1–3 Students

Unique Considerations

- Examination table, chairs, equipment, and 2 cots
- Close proximity to exterior access
- Undercounter refrigerator with icemaker and curtain system to isolate cot areas
- countertop sink
- Space for epinephrine autoinjector (wall mounted)
- Need 15 lineal feet of floor space to perform visual screening.



Space Relationships Diagram



George School - Newton, PA



Anacostia High School - Washington, DC