



# How Is School Nursing Funded in the United States?

School nurses are licensed nurses who work in public, private, and charter schools. School nurses use evidence-based practice to promote individual and population-based student health, coordinate and advocate for quality student-centered care, and advance students' academic success. School nurses are also integral members of the larger healthcare system, keeping individuals out of the hospital and building healthy communities.

## School Nurse Funding (Public Schools)



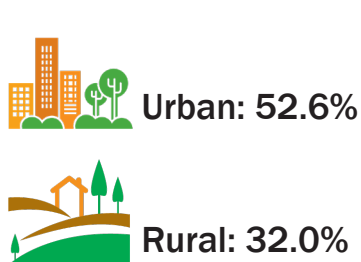
- Local Education Dollars (76.7%)
- State (17.2%)
- Health Dept. (11.4%)
- Foundation (1.7%)
- Federal (12.0%)
- Hospital (1.9%)

Education dollars have traditionally funded school nursing. Other major funding sources include health departments and hospital systems.

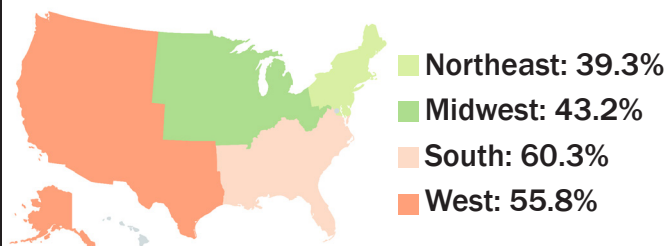
## Medicaid Reimbursement in Public Schools

Schools may bill Medicaid for certain services performed by school nurses for Medicaid-eligible students. Rules differ by state. Schools receive only 1% of the overall Medicaid budget. The monies generated by Medicaid reimbursement can be used to help fund school nursing services.

*The percentage of schools that bill for Medicaid reimbursements differ by urbanicity, type of school, and region of the country as shown below:*



- Elementary: 47.8%
- Secondary: 51.5%
- Mixed: 81.0%



**OVERALL: 51.1% of public schools bill for Medicaid.**