

Summary of School Health Advisory Activities for the 08-09 School Year

The Health Advisory Board meets four times a year and submits a report to the School Board annually regarding health issues in the schools. The purpose of this board is as follows:

The Albemarle County School Health Advisory Board shall assist schools with the development of health policy in the school division and the evaluation of the status of school health including health education, the school environment and health services.

A summary of activities includes:

1. Reviewed National Nutritional Standards for Albemarle County Schools.
2. Reviewed progress of the Safer Chemical Committee.
3. Reviewed the Wellness policy in terms of recess and physical education.
4. Recommended to allow school nurses to use professional judgment in using OTC first aid products.
5. Received information on various topics including OTC drug abuse, student mental health issues, chronic conditions and clinic visits, school counseling programs, threat assessments, the HPV vaccination, outbreaks of diseases in the schools, the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant and the Safe Schools, Healthy Students Grant.
6. Recommended for school personnel to make decisions as to when medical personnel should be called while students are on school trips.
7. Advised on Policy IGDA on 8th grade participation in sub-varsity sports.
8. Reviewed the H1N1 plan for Albemarle County Schools developed by the internal division committee. The Health Advisory will be kept informed about any issues that develop in the schools regarding the H1N1 virus.
9. Received information about the number of clinic visits at schools. The totals reflect actual visits and could look skewed due to having multiple daily visits by a single medically fragile child. The chart reflecting the totals is attached.