Child Health Advisory Committee
Minutes
September 10, 2026, · 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Call to order: 9:03 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Present: Ashten Black, Wendy Blount, Shannon Borchert, Lindsey Crichfield (proxy), Carole Garner, Teresa Henson, Nathan Morris, Jennifer Morrow, Lisa Mundy, Carmel Perry, Elaine Prewitt, Camille Richoux, Ray Samaniego, Bala Simon, Jennifer Wessel

Absent: Patrick Casey, Dave Oberembt, Anna Strong

Staff: Shanetta Agnew, Shy Whitley-Smith

Guests: Sarah Brisco, Amy Davidson, Cheria McDonald, Gwen Robinson, Ariel Rogers, Laken Ross, Lauren Sermersheim, Hannah Stone

Review of August minutes: L. Mundy moved to accept the minutes. J. Wessel seconded. Motion passed.

Act 1220 & Coordinated School Health Reports: Reports are changed from the previous meeting. J Wessel. moved to accept the reports C. Perry seconded. Motion passed.

July, Act 1220 Coordinator Report (Shanetta Agnew & Shy Whitley): Approximately 97% of schools have completed the SHI assessment.

Coordinated School Health Advisor Report (Lisa Mundy & Ariel Rogers): The CSH quarterly meeting was held on September 9, 2026, from 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m. the topics of discussion was "Opioids and Fentanyl Prevention" **Attendees**: 70 LEAs, 86 school personnel, and 27 state agency staff, coalition members, and others, total **113**.

Old Business:
FY26 recommendations

New Business:
Presentation: 2025-2026 State Health Report, Cheria McDonald, APRN State School Nurse Consultant Department of Education "*What's Going on in the School Nurse's Room*"

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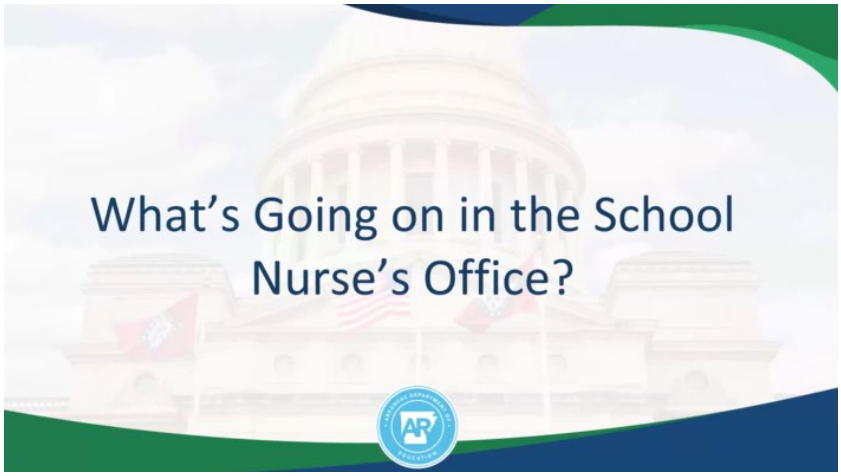

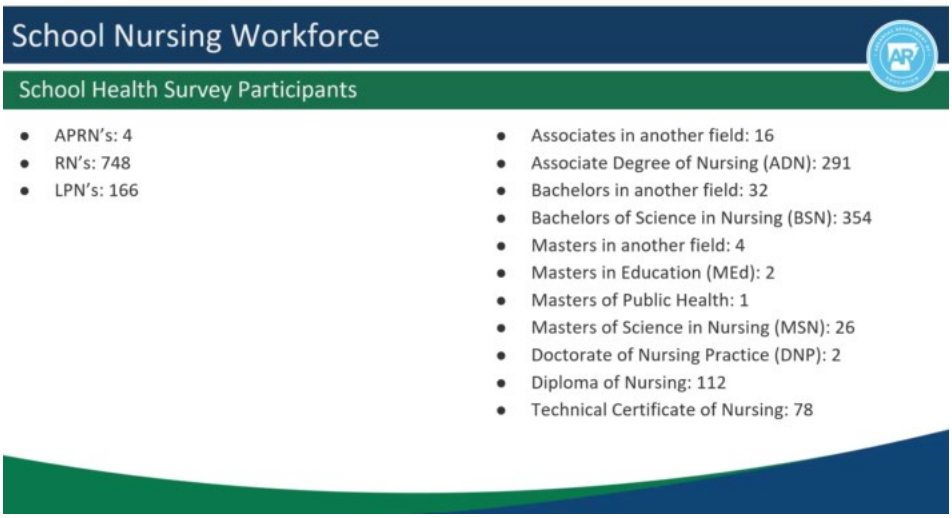

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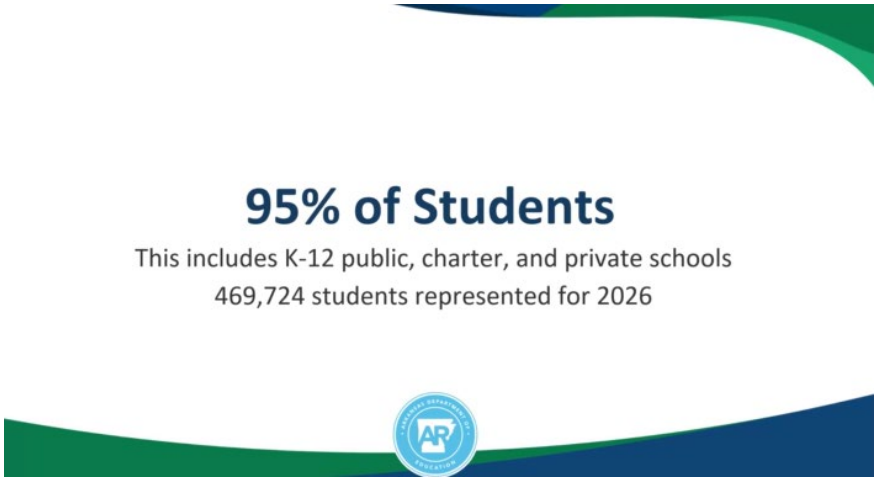
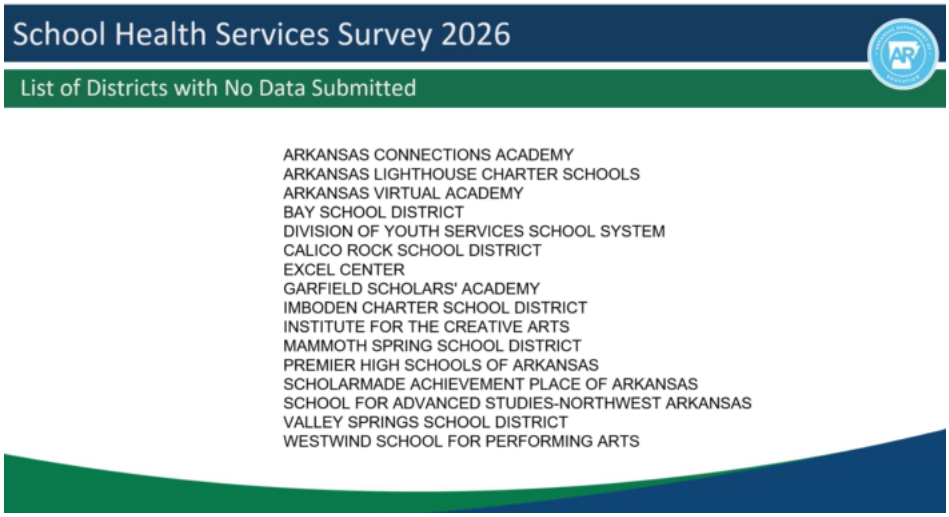


*33,000 home schooled children are not included in this data



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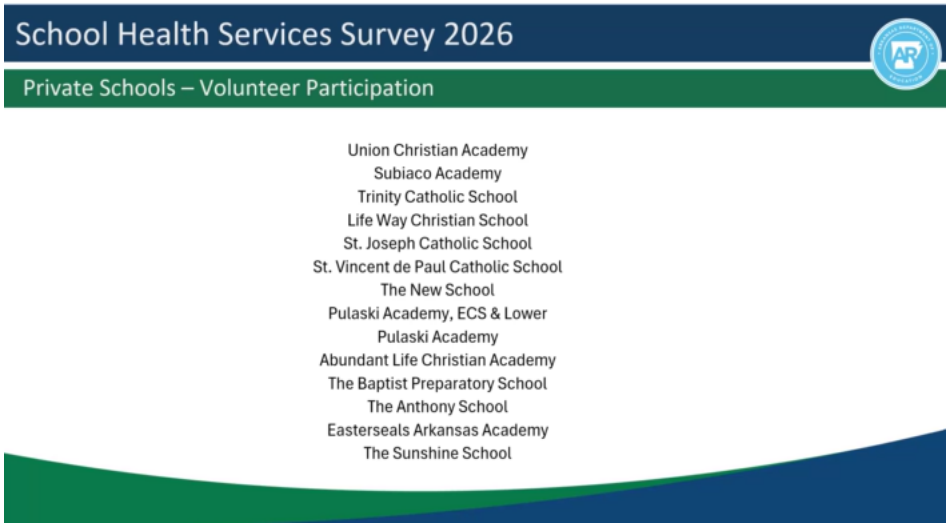

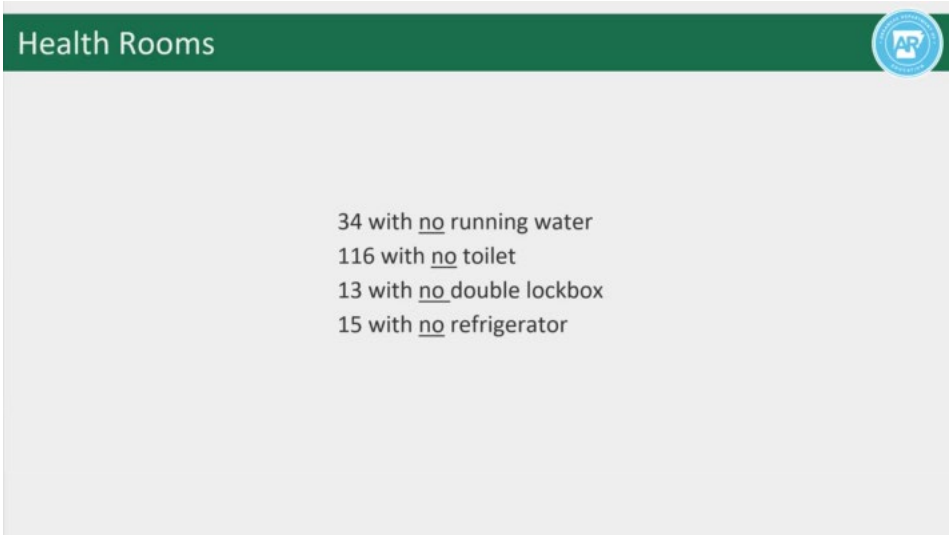

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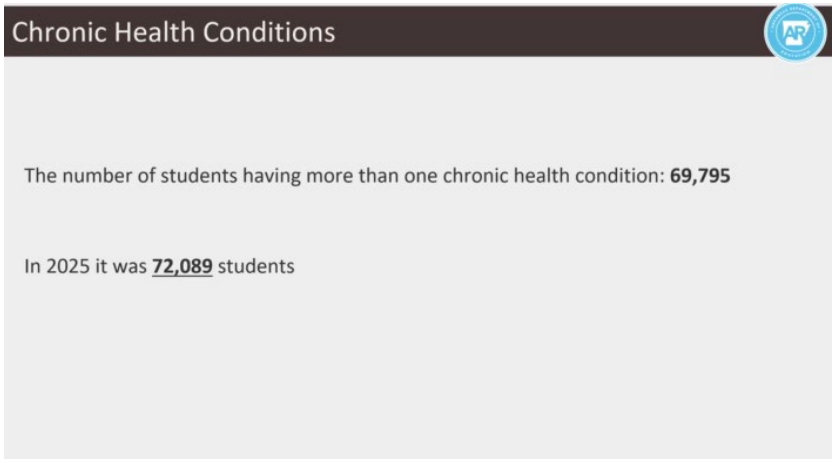
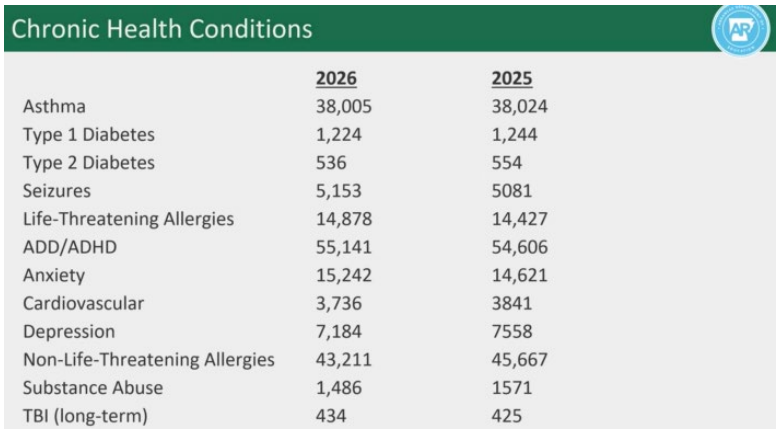


*The number of students having more than one chronic health condition has been updated to 69,738



	2026	2025
Asthma	38,005	38,024
Type 1 Diabetes	1,224	1,244
Type 2 Diabetes	536	554
Seizures	5,153	5081
Life-Threatening Allergies	14,878	14,427
ADD/ADHD	55,141	54,606
Anxiety	15,242	14,621
Cardiovascular	3,736	3841
Depression	7,184	7558
Non-Life-Threatening Allergies	43,211	45,667
Substance Abuse	1,486	1571
TBI (long-term)	434	425

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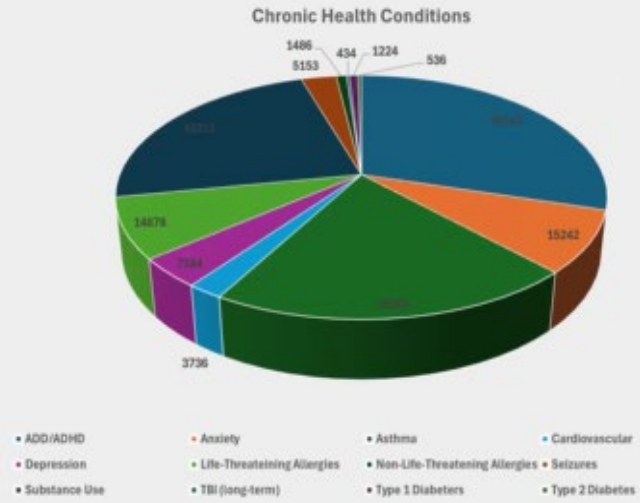
Chronic Health Conditions



Emergency Medications for Chronic Health Conditions

Medications	# students with Rx at school	# students with IHP	# 911 call related
Albuterol and/or Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS)	13783	12908	140
Benzodiazepine - sublingual or buccal	582	589	42
Diazepam or Midazolam - intranasal	1257	1260	101
Diazepam - rectal	345	357	10
Epinephrine	5331	5380	141
Glucagon	1109	1154	15

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Medications in School

The number of students who received scheduled medications daily at school on a long-term basis (>3 weeks)

14,028

The average daily number of doses of medications given daily in schools

Encounters in School

Blood sugar checks	138,539
Carbohydrate counting	136,885
Catheterization	19,079
Peritoneal dialysis	5
Postural drainage	155
Tracheostomy	768
Other stoma care	4204
Suctioning	6885
Tube feedings	52,330
SQ medications	55,810
IM medications	308
IV medications	3
Insulin Pump	89,873
CGM	229,907
Wound Care	171,965

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Pregnancies

90% of all females graduate whereas teen moms only graduate about **50%** (Congressional Research Service, 2025).
This is associated with lifetime disparities and **15%** are more likely to live in poverty (Morris, 2023).

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Pregnancies	903	920	732	541	628	604	544	486	467
Received Homebound Services	191	157	181	114	117	122	124	133	95
Dropped Out Permanently	74	62	63	30	45	52	32	30	38
Diagnosed with High Risk: Gestational DM, Preeclampsia	70	81	83	24	42	64	46	40	35
Preterm Delivery <37 weeks							28	22	35

Mental Health

The number of students receiving professional mental health services
29,698 on campus
6,328 off campus

School nurse/school counselor team approach
14,360

The number of students having had an opioid overdose
20

The number of staff-parent-visitor having had an opioid overdose
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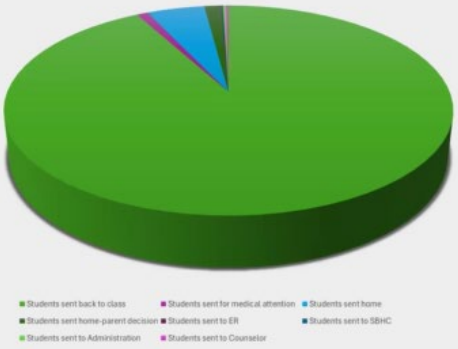
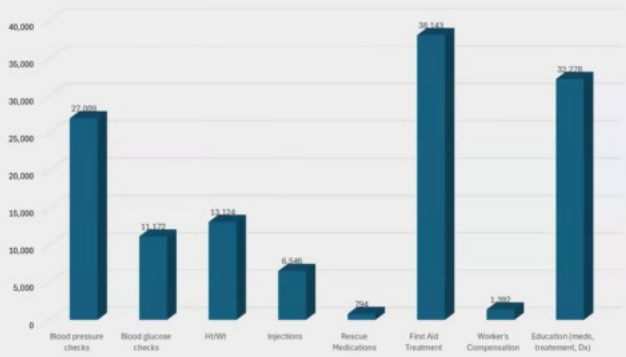
Disposition of Students

Students sent back to class	2,765,213
Students sent for medical attention	28,300
Students sent home	148,573
Students sent home-parent decision	42,147
Students sent to ER	2390
Students sent to SBHC	3748
Students sent to Administration	7032
Students sent to Counselor	6519



Services/Resources to School Personnel



86,642 Arkansas students missed 10% or more of the school year

We know that children chronically absent b/t pre-K and 2nd grade are much less likely to read at grade level (U.S. Department of Education)

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C. McDonald shared that they collect hearing, vision, scoliosis, BMI, and immunization data these screenings are mandated requirements and not included in the survey. They recognize that about 35%-40% of students are referred to a specialist for some kind of vision and hearing loss and have to get additional follow-up. Furthermore 85%-90% of those students have complications and need further treatment.

No additional comments/feedback were made from CHAC; S. Agnew will include the presentation slides in the meeting minutes.

Member & Non-Member Updates/Announcements:

- L. Mundy shared the Arkansas SHAPE Fall Conference 2026 "*Shape the Future*": Conference Registration | SHAPE Arkansas
- The Governor's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition are meeting weekly and identifying final recommendations for the end of the year report.
- C. Richoux shared the various upcoming events for the Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families. Events Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families (AACF)
- 2026-2027 Student Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG) program year is now open!
- *Upcoming CSH Meetings*- November 4, 2026; February 10, 2027; May 12, 2027

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Join Zoom Meeting:

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State Board of Education meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Thursday and Friday of each month.
November 12-13 at 9:00a.m.
December 10-11 at 9:00a.m.

State Board of Health meetings are held quarterly on the 4th Thursday of each month.
October 22 at 10:00 am
November & December (falls on holiday)