

Instructions:

Answer the following questions & submit to Mrs. Gordey by 0830 on Friday following your LISD assigned day.

1. *How has your view of the student population changed?

My view of the student population at Hutchinson Middle School was changed as soon as I saw our first patient. The patients were very self-aware and self-sufficient; especially the diabetic patients.

2. *How has your view of the school nurse role changed?

My view of the school nurse role was changed by seeing how busy the nurse was. How independent the nurse had to be and how quickly the nurse had to think on their feet. The amount of patients the school nurse had to triage in the few hours I was there with her was a lot more than I had anticipated.

3. *What surprised you about the LISD experience?

What surprised me about the LISD school nurse experience was how respectful and kind the relationships were between staff and student. The students were very kind, respectful, and trusting of the nurse. The nurse also showed the same respect, kindness, and trust towards the students.

4. *What did you observe during your time there?

I observed a lot of diabetic kids coming in and checking their blood glucose levels. Knowing how much insulin to give themselves and being mature about it all. I also observed a child having an allergic reaction to an unknown cause. After that I observed two children with minor cuts/abrasions from accidents during and in between classes.

5. *How was your experience different from what you expected?

I did not expect for the school nurse to be as busy as she was. I also did not expect for the kids to be so self sufficient about their chronic illness. This is mostly due to a tremendous amount of teaching from the parents and the school nurse.

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6. *What are some of the needs/issues related to the health of the school age children that you may not have been aware of?

The main issue is the budget. I feel that there have been great advances lately with LISD offering free meals for the students. I see an issue pertaining to the nursing budget for the schools. This being that maybe the nurse might run out of supplies from triaging so many students on a daily basis.

7. *Please list two developmental stages related to the population that you observed.

Identity versus role confusion

As I was observing the children coming into the office, I saw that they had a sense of trying to identify who they were at the time by their clothes and mannerisms.

Formal operational stage

These were both seen by the intellectual depths of the patients that came into the school nurse's office.