Health education should become a part of the student's everyday learning process. The foundation of health care and health education should be based on growth and maturation of students, their needs, capacities to learn, ability to analyze and solve problems, and their desire to see themselves as total persons, not as a set of teeth, a heart, or a pair of lungs.

Health education should be a vital force in closing the gap between health discoveries and their application. Health education in schools should provide essential scientific knowledge and foster wholesome attitudes and practices for healthful living.

The following individuals are responsible for school health education:

- All elementary teachers
- Secondary teacher's assigned health and science classes
- School Nurse
- County officer, county health educator
- Local M.D.'s and dentists

Piute School District is committed to providing the following health services:

- Health Appraisal which involves:
  - Continuous observation by teachers
- Screening including:
  - Vision tests every year for all students in elementary grades, and other students on request, and a health examination for 7th graders.
  - Hearing tests for all students in grade levels K, 1, 2, and 3. Also, hearing tests for referrals from all levels as needed from school personnel and M.D. entering kindergarten students and all students participating in athletics.

**Health counseling** will be provided by the school nurse to parents, administrators, teachers, and students.

Recommendations and referral to other agencies will be made as deemed necessary by the school nurse or principal.

**Health education** will be provided throughout the elementary grades, with specific health classes required in grades 8-11, according to State Healthy Lifestyle Core.

**EMERGENCY CARE**

State health policy requires an examination for all Emergency care will be provided for students who become sick or injured at school. Parents will be notified of a child's accident or sudden illness as soon as possible. When the emergency is so grave as to suggest the need for immediate care (hospitalization or Dr.'s office, suspected fractures, severe head injuries or sudden abdominal pains), there should be no delay in securing medical attention.

The names and phone numbers of pupil's personal physician, parents (home and work), and an alternate to contact in case parents are not available, should be readily accessible.

The school has responsibility for giving immediate care in case of an accident or sudden illness as well as notifying parents, getting student home or to some other place of safety, and for guiding parents, where necessary, to source of treatment.
The member of the school staff who notifies a parent of a student's sickness or injury should be prepared to help an uncertain parent decide what is to be done for the student.  
If student is ill and parents need to be contacted, the teacher should consult with the principal. The student should not contact home! An accident report will be completed for each accident by the staff member who handles the situation. The principal will review the report and forward it to the district office.

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Health records will be kept on the student's cumulative record and will include the following information:

| Vision tests - K-7 Hearing tests -K-3 Record of immunization - all students |
| Serious medical problems - all student |