

FIGURE 46.28 Formula for Establishing a School Nurse's Caseload

Ratio	Student Conditions	Number of Students	Divided by	Equals
1:1	The total number of students who require daily and continuous nursing		1	
1:125	The total number of students who have complex health care needs		125	
1:225	The total number of students who require daily professional nursing services or interventions		225	
1:750	The rest of the students		750	
Total nurses needed				
Ratio=Nurses/Total Students				

Numbers of Nurses Needed for Example Population:

1,000 students; 1 student requires ventilator support; 3 require tube feeding, 5 have type 1 diabetes, 50 have serious asthma or allergies, 3 require catheterization, 9 have other complex needs; 130 require medication during the school day; the remaining 797 students have mandated screenings and a variety of acute care issues.

Ratio	Student Conditions	Number of Students	Divided by	Equals
1:1	The total number of students who require daily and continuous nursing	1.0	1	1.0
1:125	The total number of students who have complex health care needs	72.0	125	0.58

1:225	The total number of students who require daily professional nursing services or interventions	130	225	0.58
1:750	The rest of the students	797	750	1/06
Total nurses needed				3.2 nurses
Ratio=Nurses/Total Students				1:313

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