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 - About 11,700 school-aged children have asthma.
 - Children who have special health-care needs often require observation, education and assistance in the school environment.
 - In 10 percent of schools, a nurse distributes medication to students.
- 2. North Dakota has no state mandate or funding for school nursing. Most students in the state do not have access to a school nurse.**
 - The National Association of School Nurses recommends one nurse for every 750 students.
 - North Dakota has one nurse for every 4,717 students.
 - Minnesota has one nurse for each school district larger than 1,000 students.
 - Montana has one nurse for every 1,500 students.
 - South Dakota has one nurse for each school district with special education students.
- 3. Local public health units provide most school nursing services.**
 - All of North Dakota's 53 counties have public health nurses.
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