



SCHOOL NURSE ORGANIZATION OF WASHINGTON

## POSITION STATEMENT

### Healthy School Environment

**History:**

A healthy school environment is essential to student achievement and staff wellness and to the development of attitudes and behaviors that value a healthy lifestyle.

**Description of Issue:**

A healthy school environment is safe from physical, chemical, infectious, psychological, and/or natural environmental hazards.

**Rationale:**

All students and staff have a right to learn and work in a healthy school environment, safe from air pollution, radiation, sound and mechanical stress, chemical exposures, obscure infectious agents, water and food pollution, allergens, and psychological stress.

**Conclusion:**

It is the position of SNOW that school systems establish and maintain a healthy school environment. The professional school nurse, an advocate for students, staff, and community, will be actively involved in the development of a plan for a healthy school environment.

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