

Edina Schools Health Services  
**Success Stories 2006-07**

- HSA has worked with the LSN and LensCrafters to get eye exam appointments and glasses for students who did not pass the vision screening and who are in financial need.
- HSA stated a young child started school late because of cancer. The child did not want to go to school. The principal, teacher, and HSA met with the parent and child many times. For the first three months the child would come to the Health Office and sit on the lap of the HSA and then, the HSA would walk with the student to class. After this time, the student came willingly to school and has had a special relationship with the HSA.
- HSA cared for a young child who injured his arm. She called home. The parents were out of town and relatives were caring for the child. The parent planned to wait until returning home, a few days later, for the child to see the doctor. After the HSA expressed concern about the possibility of a fracture, the relative took the child to the doctor and the student was diagnosed with a fractured arm.
- LSN wrote and received an Edina Education Foundation grant for sound field amplification in four science classrooms. The systems distribute the teacher's voice and any adjunct audio input equally throughout the classroom so each student hears the teacher's voice as if having a one-on-one conversation. Student's state they are able to hear what is being said at all times. Teachers report that their classes are more focused and they do not have to repeat and clarify information as often as in the past.
- LSN encouraged a family to consult their physician and consider using a feeding pump for their child with disabilities. The parent discussed it with their physician who agreed and the results have been good for the student and the family.
- LSN shared that last year a parent of a child with a latex allergy expressed fear for the child's safety at school. The student has not had any reactions at school and this year, the parent has expressed confidence with the school health plan.
- LSN was a member of a group who updated the attendance policy that she assisted in implementing this year. The new attendance policy has been very successful identifying and reducing absenteeism.
- HSA has been working with a student identified during the screening program with 20/100 vision, who received glasses, and had refused to use them. The student has started to wear them.
- LSN noted that 100 students (~ 10% of the students) were sent home ill from the Health Office during the month of September. She had been seeing students wanting to go home who did not seem to be ill. The LSN worked with school staff, parents, and students to stress the importance of staying in school when not ill. In March, 50 students were sent home because of illness. School staff and parents seem to be supporting this effort.
- Secretary coordinated CPR classes for 187 staff members this year.
- Health Services Coordinator stated that despite some long-term and many short-term absences by Health Services staff, the Edina Schools Health Offices have had a substitute in the Health Office every day, providing safe care for students and staff. Daily staffing in the Health Office supports safety for staff and students, especially those with health conditions, and reduces disruption in the school, promoting optimal learning.