

# School Health

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## Time to review student health data for end-of-year (EOY) reporting

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will complete the annual student health data pull June 1. This health data will be published in the Supplemental Data section of Open House this fall.

Districts are encouraged to begin reviewing their student

health data and correct any data entry errors before the June 1 data pull.

For more information regarding the annual EOY reporting, please visit the KDE [school health services Infinite Campus webpage](#).

## HB 147 amends emergency treatment for seizures

[HB 147](#) amended KRS 158.838, providing more options for emergency treatment of seizures. Beginning July 1, not only may the Food and Drug Administration-approved

Diastat be delegated to unlicensed school personnel for seizure rescue, but FDA-approved seizure management medications also may be delegated.

This would include medications such as Klonopin wafers. (Per KRS 158.838, Intranasal Versed is not FDA approved for seizure rescue and may not be delegated to unlicensed school personnel.)

Also included in HB 147 is the requirement for a seizure action plan for any student diagnosed with a seizure

disorder. HB 147 also requires training for school personnel on seizures.

KDE will be working with the Epilepsy Foundation of

Kentuckiana on the development of this training and plan to have it be available for schools and school nurses when the 2018-19 school year begins.

School districts may wish to inform parents of students with seizure disorders of these changes so that seizure action plans and medications to address emergency management of seizures may be addressed during



the summer break.

More information on training for school personnel will be given in the next newsletter.

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# Frequently asked questions about nursing license renewal

Each school year, school districts must confirm that licensed school nurses (APRN, RN and LPN) have met the continuing education units (CEU) requirements for license renewal. The deadline for license renewal is Oct. 31. Each school district is encouraged to verify current nursing license status beginning Nov. 1.

The Kentucky Board of Nursing's spring 2018 KBN Connection article by Chessica Nation, KBN Continuing Competency Program Director, "[Continuing Competency/Continuing Education Requirements FAQs](#)," provides answers to many questions regarding nursing license renewal. Below are a just a few of the FAQs regarding nursing license renewal:

**Q.** What are the dates of the continuing education earning period for renewal of my nursing license?

**A.** Nov. 1 through Oct. 31.

**Q.** How many continuing education contact hours do I need to earn?

**A.** LPNs and RNs must earn 14 contact hours (or the equivalent) of approved continuing education (CE) each year to renew their licenses. APRNs have additional CE requirements.

**Q.** Is online/home study CE accepted by KBN?

**A.** Yes, if offered by an approved CE provider. All or any combination of contact hours can be online or home study.

**Q.** Can CPR be counted as CE?

**A.** No. CPR and basic life support (BLS) classes, in-service education and nurse aide training do not count as CE hours.

**Q.** Will advanced cardiovascular life support (ACLS) or pediatric advanced life support (PALS) courses count toward my CE requirement?

**A.** If an approved provider offers the ACLS or PALS courses, the contact hours earned will be accepted by KBN. If audited, you must provide the certificate awarding contact hours; the certification card alone is not sufficient.

**Q.** I have earned more CE contact hours this earning period than I need. Can these contact hours be used for my next renewal?

**A.** No. CE contact hours cannot be carried over to the next earning period. All 14 contact hours must be earned within the specified earning period (Nov. 1-Oct. 31).

**Q.** Does KBN have a record of the CE hours I have earned?

**A.** No. KBN does not keep track of each nurse's CE contact hours. Nurses should retain records of their CE/competency for at least five years following a licensure period. You are not required to submit CE certificates to KBN unless requested to do so.

The Kentucky School Nurses Association has a conference each summer that provides enough CEUs to meet licensure requirement for RNs and LPNs. This year's conference will be July 16-18 in Lexington and will provide 14.4 CEUs. There is no onsite registration. For more information, email KSNA Treasurer [Patricia Glass](#).

For more information on School Health Services, please visit:

<http://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Pages/default.aspx>

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