
Section / Council Updates

► Physician Section

Members of the ASHA Physician Section and the AAP Council on School Health have worked together to develop a list of important school health papers published in 2009.

The top papers for 2009 addressed school health policies, and four components of the coordinated school health program - health services, mental health, physical activity, and nutrition. The studies covered students in elementary and secondary schools, and include those with chronic conditions and other special needs.

[Read the 2009 Must Read Papers for School Physicians](#)

► School Health Coordinator Section

Greetings everyone. I hope you all are enjoying your summer and also thinking about the Kansas City conference, *Healthy Students ... Successful Learners*.

If you have not registered for the conference, but sure to do so soon. You don't want to miss the outstanding keynote addresses and the break-out sessions, not to mention the great networking opportunities.

You can register online at www.ashaweb.org/84thConference.

There is much good news to share from the Health Coordinators Section.

First of all, the Operating Code has been approved. That was a great deal of work, but it is a well written document. It is posted on the ASHA website if you want to access to it.

I would like to encourage you to register for the post-conference workshop being offered on Saturday afternoon, October 16, 1:15 – 4:15. The focus of the workshop is how to gain administrative support for school health by working together. This exciting and very relevant workshop is offered as a joint training with the administrative council.

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► Council on Injury and Violence Prevention

Members of the ASHA Council on Injury and Violence Prevention served as reviewers for the newly released publication - *Getting Students Active Through Safe Routes to School: Policies and Action Steps for Education Policymakers and Professionals*, issued by the Safe Routes to School National Partnership.

This new publication - available at www.saferoutespartnership.org/educatorsguide - includes policies and action steps that can be implemented at the state, school district and individual school level in several key areas specific to the education sector. Stories from states and communities across the nation provide real-life examples of how Safe Routes to School programs and policies can be adopted and implemented. It also provides a detailed

examination of the most up-to-date and relevant research linking physical activity and academic achievement, and presents Safe Routes to School as a means of increasing students' physical activity levels. Additional information also is available at the web site.

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