

The School Nurse and the Ballard Teen Health Center thought we would clarify the roles of the school nurse and the BTHC. There's always a bit of confusion about **who** is **who** and **who** does **what**. In journalistic fashion, here are some facts for you:

SCHOOL NURSE -

WHO - School District employee, registered nurse. Assigned to building full time. Telephone 206.252.1007

WHAT - Provides physical and mental health care and education for all students, health care and educational support for students who have diagnoses that require health care plans, IEPs, 504s; administers medications at school, tracks immunizations, triages illnesses and injuries, emergency care

WHEN - All school year!

WHERE - In the Health Room just off The Commons next to Security

HOW - In order to support our Ballard Beavers, this position is supported by the District and the Families and Education Levy

WHY - Because it's always great to be a Beaver!

TEEN HEALTH CENTER-

WHO - On-site clinic run by Swedish Medical Center, staffed by patient care coordinator, nurse practitioner, and mental health counselor.

WHAT - Provides free physical and mental health care for students signed up with the clinic. For non-confidential services such as physicals, immunizations, illness and injury visits, etc, parent permission is required, also helps with emergencies

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To get the necessary forms for authorizing medications at school and the registration form for the BTHC, please see the Ballard High School website and search under "Services". Go Beavers!