Web Quest Activity  
Using Legislative Tracking Tools

The participant will use the Virginia Legislative Information System to learn about laws and regulations that impact the practice of school nursing in Virginia. This activity will help the learner to become familiar with the process of searching the database for pertinent school health legislation.

Background Information
The Code of Virginia (COV) contains the laws passed by the Virginia General Assembly. In some instances the law directs an agency to develop regulations on how the law will be implemented. The regulations are found in the Virginia Administrative Code (VAC).

To begin the activity, go to this Web address: http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm

Under “Searchable Databases” click on Code of Virginia
Type 22.1-274 into the search box. Browse the laws that direct health services in Virginia, answer each of the following questions and reference the subsection (s) upon which you based your answer:

1- Can teachers refuse to give medications to students? □ Yes □ No
   Subsection ______

2- How many employees must be certified in CPR and First Aid in buildings with 10 or more instructional or administrative staff? ______ Subsection ______

3- Are schools required to hire nurses to provide health care in the school setting? ______
   Subsection ______

Click on the word “home” at the bottom of the page.
Click on Code of Virginia
Type 22.1-270 into the search box. Browse the laws that describe the school entry physical exam and answer each of the following questions and reference the subsection(s) upon which you based your answer:

4- Do 7th graders entering your school division have to have a physical exam in order to enter school? □ Yes □ No Subsection ______

5- Is there an exemption for providing physical exams? □ Yes □ No Subsection ______

6- What do parents have to do if they object to their child having a physical exam:
   ______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________

7- Do health departments have to provide physicals for students entering school? □ Yes □ No Are there any qualifications? ____________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________
8- Which of the Codes describes immunization requirements for children entering Virginia schools? ________________

Search the Code of Virginia §22.1-271.2 and answer the following questions:

9- Is there a “grace period” for students to enter school without any immunizations?
   □ Yes □ No Subsection ________________

10- What are the two immunization exemptions? ________________
    Subsection(s) _______________________

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Click on the Code of Virginia
Type the word “asthma” (without the quotation marks) into the search box and answer the following question and reference the subsection(s) upon which you based your answer:

11- Under what conditions may a student self administer asthma medications? List at least 4 __________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________

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Type 32.1-45.1 into the search window and answer the following questions and reference the subsection(s) upon which you based your answer:

12- Should a school board employee who is exposed to blood or body fluids have the expectation that the person’s blood they were exposed to can be tested for HIV, Hepatitis B or C, and that the will be able to find out the results? □ Yes □ No (Read section H)

13- If the person whose blood the school board employee was exposed to refuses to have the test, what is the proper recourse? ________________
    Subsection __________________________

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Click on the Code of Virginia
Type 54.1-2969 into the search window, review section E and answer the following questions and reference the subsection(s) upon which you based your answer:

14- List 4 situations in which a minor is deemed an adult for the purpose of consenting to medical care: ____________________________________________________________________________
15- In these situations does the minor have the right to authorize access to his/her medical record? □ Yes □ No       Subsection __________

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Click on the Code of Virginia
Type the word “scoliosis” (without the quotation marks) into the search box.

16- What code are you referred to? __________

17- Does this code give you the specifics you need in order to develop a scoliosis screening program? □ Yes □ No

18- To whom did the legislators charge with developing regulations for implementing a screening program? ________________________________

19- Based upon the “background information” included at the beginning of this activity, where would you go to look for specific information to develop a scoliosis screening program? ________________________________

Click on the word “home” at the bottom of the page.
Click on the Virginia Administrative Code. Type “scoliosis” (without quotation marks) into the search box. Browse the sections that outline the requirements in a scoliosis program and answer the following questions:

20- Which section of 8 VAC 20-690 describes what must be included in parent education information? ________

21- Do schools have to provide notice to parents regarding when screening will occur? □ Yes □ No

Make sure that you save the Legislative Information System in you “favorites” section on the internet for easy access.

The answer key for this activity may be found on the course homepage.