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Mission of the American School Health Association

Last fall, ASHA adopted a new mission statement: The mission of the American School Health Association is to protect and promote the health of children and youth by supporting coordinated school health programs as a foundation for school success. We needed to redefine terms in order to create the following Spanish version. You might find this helpful in communicating with people in Mexico about school health: La American School Health Association tiene como mision la proteccion y promocion de la salud de los ninnos y joovenes mediante el fomento en las escuelas de programas para la salud como base del eexito escolar. La American School Health Association es una asociacion de membresia profesional interdisciplinaria cuyos miembros incluyen enfermeros, doctores, maestros, consejeros, trabajadores sociales, administradores y nutricionistas. To provide national leadership and achieve its mission, ASHA adopted five goals:

- Promote interdisciplinary collaboration among all who work to protect and improve the health, safety and well-being of children, youth, families and communities.
- Provide professional development opportunities for all those associated with school health programs.
- Provide advocacy for building and strengthening effective school health programs.
- Encourage quality research to strengthen school health programs.

School Health List Serve

The American School Health Association provides a members only list serve with timely information about school health issues. Recent postings include information about:

1. A free service-learning curriculum developed to introduce Special Olympics and explain mental retardation to youth and encourage them to become involved in the movement. More information is available at or 1-800-700-8585.
2. Free underage drinking materials for 5th graders called Reach Out Now developed in a partnership between SAMHSA and Scholastic available at and or 800-729-6686.
3. A satellite videoconference entitled "Community Responses to Truancy: Engaging Students in School Office offered by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
4. A Call for Presentations for Head Start's 7th National Research Conference available at a new web resource to help schools plan for emergencies available from the U.S. Department of Education at <http://www.ed.gov/>. If you want to receive timely messages such as these via e-mail, send an e-mail to and ask to be added to the list serve.

Summer Institute

The American School Health Association, the Kansas Department of Education, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Iowa Department of Education and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment are co-sponsoring the 10th Annual Institute American School Health Association's Summer Institute. The theme is NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND - NO PROGRAM LEFT BEHIND. It will be held at the Kansas City Airport Hilton, August 4-6, 2003. The cost of the Institute is \$149 if registered before July 5, 2003. The first day will focus on physical activity and nutrition, the second day will focus on sexuality education, and the third day will focus on the impact of risky behaviors on academic success. For more information, go to <http://www.ashaweb.org/conferences.html>. If you have further questions or concerns, call or e-mail Dr. Darrel Lang, Kansas Department of Education, 785/296-6716 or Dr. JoAnne Owens Nauslar, American School Health Association, 330-678-1601 x 201 or JoFitNE@aol.com.

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