

School Nurses

By age 5, most children are spending more time in school than in any other activity. This makes the school nurse the primary resource in recognizing and managing children's health problems. School nurses have professional education and expertise to function successfully in the separate complete systems of health care and education.

Optimal learning requires good physical and emotional health. The school nurse is committed to each child's individual development and safety.

The School Nurse:

- Serves as the child's advocate
- Provides specialized health care and services
- Conducts health screenings
- Assesses and evaluates individual growth and development
- Monitors student's immunizations
- Acts as a resource for faculty, parents, and students
- Provides individual health counseling to service emotional and physical health needs
- Identifies and refers possible pediatric and adolescent health problems for early diagnosis and treatment
- Evaluates and monitors communicable diseases and implements strategies to prevent the spread of disease in the school
- Conducts health related classroom instruction
- Acts as a special education team member for children with special needs
- Serves as a liaison with parents, physicians, community agencies and support groups to provide medical care and assistance to families and students in need
- Provides education and promotional activities for future healthy lifestyles of students, staff and community

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