



# The Many Roles of School Nurses

**HEALTH LEADER:** School nurses use current medical and school policies or laws that affect student health. The nurses assist with the needs of students who may need special services, such as 504 or IEP's.

**CARE COORDINATOR:** Ensures students get the healthcare they need at school. The school nurse helps the family, doctors and school staff partner to provide the best care. School staff are instructed on how to care for students and connections are made for families for health insurance, healthcare services, and to community resources.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** Along with MD and parent input, the school nurse develops emergency response procedures to be used at school.

**HEALTHCARE PROVIDER:** School nurses have medical training to deal with chronic health conditions of students and the school population. We are part of the health fairs that offer vision, dental, BMI screening; referrals and assistance with those referrals.

**HEALTH EDUCATOR:** School nurses work with students with chronic conditions to know how to manage their conditions. They also provide individual health counseling, classes on nutrition, and other fun health topics!

## SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

A Division of the MAHEC Family Health Center

School Nurses ensure that all students in the school are healthy and ready to learn!

