

Health Services: School Nursing

School Nursing Practice/Standards of Care

“School nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievement of students. To that end, school nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development; promote health and safety; intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide case management services; and actively collaborate with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self management, self advocacy and learning.”

–NASN, Rhode Island, 1999

The school nurse:

- serves as the child’s advocate
- conducts health screenings
- provides specialized health care and services
- 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 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 in need
- provides educational and promotional activities for the future healthy lifestyles of students

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