

What Does the School Nurse Do?

The primary role of the School Nurse is to support student learning.

The nurse accomplishes this by implementing strategies that promote student and staff health and safety.

A School Nurse, with appropriate preparation, takes a leadership role in serving as the coordinator of all school health programs in the following manner:

Health Services – serves as the coordinator of the health services program and provides nursing care

Health Education – provides health education to students, staff and parents

Healthy Environment – identifies health and safety concerns in the school environment and promotes a nurturing school environment

Nutritional Services – supports health food services programs
Physical Education/Activity – promotes healthy physical education, sports policies and practices

Counseling/Mental Health – provides health counseling, assesses mental health needs, provides interventions and refers students to appropriate school staff or community agencies

Parent/Community Involvement – promotes community involvement in assuring a healthy school, serves as school liaison to a health advisory committee

Staff Wellness – provides health education and counseling, promotes healthy activities and environment for school staff