

The Role of the School Nurse

Who is your School Nurse?

A registered nurse (RN) licensed to practice nursing by the North Carolina Board of Nursing A National Certified School Nurse (NCSN)

A professional who practices in accordance with current state laws and professional standards of School Nursing as defined by the National Association of School Nurses (NASN)

A nursing professional who advocates for children's health and safety within the educational setting

What expertise does your School Nurse have?

- Pediatric, public health and mental health nursing with strong health promotion, assessment and referral skills
- Knowledge of education and health laws which impact children
- Teaching strategies for the delivery of health education

What services does your School Nurse provide?

- Illness/Injury evaluation and treatment
- Mental health assessments and interventions
- Identification, assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation of student health concerns
- Health assessments/participation in Individual Educational Plan development Pediatric nursing procedures
- Screening/ Referral Chronic disease management and education
- Medication Administration Immunization compliance
- Crisis Team Participation Health curriculum recommendations
- Health Education Training & Delegation of nursing procedures to unlicensed personnel
- Staff wellness
- School/ community/ health care provider liaison

What difference does a school nurse make?

- Reduce health issues which can impact success in the classroom
- Teachers are able to devote their time to teaching, as they can refer students with health problems to the school nurse
- Parents are confident their child's health needs are appropriately handled during school hours
- Ensure a healthy and safe environment for students in collaboration with school administrators

The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) reported survey results that indicate:

98% of School Nurses have saved a child's life

82% have identified an abused child

67% have counseled a depressed/suicidal student