Role of the School Nurse in Supporting Student Health and Learning

Provides Direct Health Care
Manages:
Injuries and acute illness
Chronic illness care/coordination
Medications and health care procedures

Promotes Health
Provides health education/counseling to individuals, groups, and classes
Provides guidance about health education curriculum
Provides health programs to staff, families, community

Provides Leadership for Provision of Health Services
Plans for responding to emergencies and disasters
Assesses, trains, supervises, and evaluates staff providing health care

Promotes Healthy School Environment
Monitors immunizations
Implements precautions for blood borne pathogens and infectious diseases
Takes actions to improve health and safety
Addresses emotional environment of the school

Provides Screening and Referral
Screens for health problems that interfere with learning
Refers medical conditions requiring evaluation and treatment

Liaison Between School Personnel, Family, Community, and Health Care Providers
Provides health expertise on IEP, 504, and Student Assistant Teams
Communicates with families, community health providers, and health care agencies
Develops community partnerships to promote health and learning

Provides Leadership for Health Policies
Develops and evaluates school health policies
Participates/Coordinates school health programs, crisis and disaster teams, school health advisory councils
Advocates for programs and policies that positively affect Student health and learning