



**Act TODAY on behalf of
5.1 Million Texas Students**

Take the ESSA Survey Now!



Deadline November 18, 2016

**Every Student Succeeds Act (2015)
names school Nurses as leaders
of student chronic disease management**



Thank You for Completing the ESSA Survey
on Behalf of 5.1 million Texas Students

*"It is easier to build strong children than to
repair broken men." Frederick Douglass*

Student Health: By Design, Not Default



ESSA Survey Link at www.tksno.org

Survey Suggestions

Full reference citations at www.txsno.org

Answer all questions in survey. Ranking options and space to enter your comments are provided on the survey. Keep the focus on student needs. Survey response suggestions below.

Question 3: What should Texas adopt for its measure of school quality or success?

A: School health services led by school nurses improve student attendance and academic success, particularly for the 25% of children with chronic diseases.

Question 5: How can we ensure that all Texas students have a quality education that prepares them for success, especially students with disabilities or various backgrounds (e.g. poverty, English learners, foster care)?

A: School nurses are the bridge between education and health care, facilitating access in both arenas for children with chronic disease. School nurses managing chronic disease care increases student seat time.

Question 6: What knowledge, experiences, and skills should Texas students possess to be ready for success in college, careers, and/or military?

A: While this question does not lend itself to the impact of school nurses, you should use this opportunity to tell TEA what YOU think students need.

Question 7: A goal of our state is to ensure that all students, and especially our most vulnerable students, have great teachers and principals across the state. What strategies can we use to ensure all students have access to high-quality teachers and principals across the state?

A: Research shows that the presence of a school nurse to manage health concerns saves valuable administrative time for principals and instructional time for teachers.

Question 8: What are the important things we can do to improve struggling schools.

A: Students must be healthy to learn. Children living in poverty have more chronic illnesses. School Nurses mitigate the impact of chronic illness in children, improving readiness to learn.

Question 9: Do you have any additional input for Texas' ESSA Consolidated Plan? (More references and citations can be found at www.txsno.org)

A: ESSA (2015) names school nurses as leaders of student chronic disease management.

Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model recognizes the connection between health and education and the need for students to be healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged (ASCD & CDC, 2014).

A child must be healthy to learn (CDC, 2015).

25% of school children suffer from a chronic health condition, 7% of those with multiple conditions (Michael, Merlo, Basch, Wentzel, & Wechsler, 2015; Resave & Pollock, 2015).