### What is School Nursing?

School nursing, a specialized practice of nursing, protects and promotes student health, facilitates optimal development, and advances academic success. School nurses, grounded in ethical and evidence-based practice, are the leaders who bridge health care and education, provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and collaborate to design systems that allow individuals and communities to develop their full potential. *Adopted by the NASN Board of Directors, February 2017.* 

# Who is your School Nurse?

Your school nurse is the crucial link between health and education. School nurses reach out to students in their schools, in their homes and in their communities to help them achieve maximum health potential and learning opportunities.

### **School Nurses Impact**

# Improve Attendance and Academic Performance.

Healthier students have better attendance and better academic achievement. Healthy students are less likely to drop out of school. School Nurses are less likely to dismiss a student from school.

#### **Time and Cost Savings for Schools**

Allow teachers and staff to focus on their jobs. Save principals 1 hour, teachers 20 minutes and clerical staff 45 minutes each and every day. Save schools money be improving attendance.

#### **Increased School Safety**

Promote compliance with federal and state laws. Participate in emergency preparedness planning to save lives and property.

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# **Texas School Nurses Help Children Learn**

School nurses promote, protect, and enhance professional school nurse practice through advocacy, evidence-based education, collaboration, and partnerships that support each student's well-being and readiness to learn.

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## School Nurse One Title, Many Vital Roles

**Healthcare Provider**: For students with chronic conditions, illness and injury.

Care Coordinator: Case manager for students with chronic and complex health conditions.

Coordinating health and community services for students and families.

School Health Leader: Planning and leading health programs and policies. Advocating for student health.

Public Health Liaison: Sharing vital health and prevention information. Promoting nutrition, exercise, preventative care and health habits. Altering community to health risks.

Emergency Responder: Developing and implementing students' emergency action plans. Making assessments, first aid, and timely decisions on emergency services.

# School Nurses Are Vital To Health, Safety, And Readiness To Learn. Student, School And Community Benefits Of A School Nurse



