

ROLE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

District 10 has a registered nurse at each school building. The role of the school nurse is to provide care to students who have health needs that must be addressed in order for the student to be successful in the classroom. A major focus of the school nurse is health care for chronic and acute illness, injuries in the school setting and communicating with parents/guardians. The school nurse is responsible for medication administration and healthcare procedures. School nurses provide health screenings, such as vision, hearing and body mass index. The nurse develops Individualized Healthcare Plans (IHPs) in medical language to direct nursing care for students, as well as Emergency Care Plans (ECPs) written in general terms to guide the response of unlicensed personnel in a health-related emergency. The school nurse has health expertise that is essential to school educational teams, such as the Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) team and the Section 504 Team so that health-related barriers to learning can be reduced for each student. The school nurse provides health-related education to students and staff to assist in the provision of a safe and healthy school environment. This includes the monitoring of immunizations, managing communicable diseases, assessing the school environment for safety and injury prevention and infection control measures. Also, they maintain state-mandated health requirements on each student. For questions regarding your child's health needs, contact our nurses.