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Keeping students healthy so they can learn!

Q) How do School Nurses help children learn?

A) The school nurses' role includes:

- Assessing student health status and making referrals
- Identifying vision and hearing problems that impact learning
- Delivering emergency care
- Administering medication and vaccines
- Performing health care procedures
- Disaster preparedness
- Providing health counseling and Wellness programs

Q) What benefits can I expect from working with School Nurses?

A) Help students manage chronic illness, decreasing presenteeism

- Less absenteeism due to health concerns
- Improved attendance = academic success
- Keeping students at school and parents at work
- **Allows teachers to teach instead of providing health care for children**
- Help manage asthma reducing emergency room visits
- Wellness programs for staff

Q) Can a secretary or paraeducator or teacher fill this role?

A) Not safely as they are not medically trained or within state health care licensing regulations

Q) Why?

A) 24% of children have vision deficiencies

17% of children are obese/overweight

13% of children are prescribed medication more than 90 days

10% of children have mental/emotional behavioral problems

6% of children missed more than 11 days due to illness/injury

5% of children have asthma

5% of children have food allergies

5% of children have a seizure disorder

5% of children have hearing deficiencies

5% of children have ADHD

Having School Nurses in Schools Allows

Teachers to Teach

and

Students to Learn!