

## POSITION DESCRIPTION: *School Nurse*

### Education & Professional Qualifications

- Registered nurse (RN) licensed by the state board of nursing
- Accountable to practice within current state laws, rules and regulations, as well as Professional Standards of School Nursing Practice (National Association of School Nurses)
- School Nurse Certification through the National Board of Certification of School Nurses
- Expertise in several areas, including: pediatric, public health and mental health nursing; education and health laws impacting children; teaching strategies for student and staff health education

### Primary Responsibilities

To support student learning by implementing strategies that promote student and staff health and safety, by providing the following services:<sup>10</sup>

- Illness, injury assessments and interventions
- Identification, assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation of student health concerns
- Health assessments/participation in Individualized Education Plan development
- Pediatric nursing procedures: ventilators, gastrostomy feedings, tracheostomy care, catheterization
- Screening for health factors impacting student education
- Activities and education to promote health and prevent teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, tobacco use, and alcohol and substance abuse
- Chronic disease management and education
- Individualized Nursing Care Plans and services for students with disabilities and/or health conditions that interfere with learning
- Medication administration
- Assessment and interventions for students with mental health needs
- Crisis team participation
- Health curriculum recommendations
- Guidelines for school district health policies, goals, and objectives
- School/community/health care provider liaison