

In Monroe County:

A student collapsed in the gym during his physical education class. He appeared to be having a seizure and became unresponsive.

In Oneida County:

A school security guard comes upon a student who is staggering and mumbling. Unsure of what to do, they take him to the nurse's office.

In Livingston County:

An elementary classroom teacher has collapsed in the classroom. She is bleeding profusely from the back of her head and is shaking. The students are scared and upset.

If one of these situations happened in your school, would you know what to do?

School Nurses are making the difference as they care for New York's children and youth!



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The Value of a School Nurse

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- *What does a School Nurse do?*
- *Do School Nurses Impact Student Achievement?*

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School nursing involves so much more than Band-Aids!

There has been a dramatic increase in the acuity of student and childhood illness. The students in our schools are coming to class with complex medical issues and concerns. It is the responsibility of our schools to provide all students, regardless of their disabilities or needs, with the accommodations and modifications needed to be successful throughout their school day.

School nursing is the vital link in the school team to coordinate and provide care for our students. School Nurses are managing diabetes, asthma, life-threatening allergies, mental and emotional illness, safety issues, administering medications and providing an endless list of services to our state's students on a daily basis.



- Administer Diastat for emergency care for seizures
- Administer a non-patient specific order for Epinephrine (an emergency medication for a life-threatening allergic reaction)
- Administer medication to non-self-directed students
- Perform state mandated health screenings
- Develop and implement Emergency Health Care Plans
- Administer a nebulizer treatment to a student with asthma who is struggling to breathe
- Provide a safe and healthy environment for all students at school

School Nurses:

- Triage student health concerns
- Assess physical and emotional issues
- Provide Nursing Diagnosis – related to the student's response to a medical condition
- Provide primary healthcare to students and staff including first aid and chronic condition care
- Counsel students on health and emotional issues
- Administer medication on a daily and as needed basis
- Refer health issues to healthcare providers for further care and treatment as needed
- Provide health screenings – vision, hearing and scoliosis per State regulations
- Monitor health appraisals for NYS mandates and sports participation
- Write Emergency and Individualized Healthcare Plans
- Teach students to manage their own healthcare concerns
- Act as a liaison between the home and the student's medical provider

School Nurses provide students with what they need in order to be at school and participate in learning experiences!