

PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: School Nurse

The Education Code states that School Nurses may provide certain services if authorized by the local governing board. In accordance with such code section the following services may be provided by a School Nurse:

1. Conduct vision and hearing screening programs as required by law.
2. Assure that every pupil's immunization status is in compliance with the law.
3. Obtain, assess and evaluate the health and developmental status of pupils to identify specific physical disorders and other factors relating to the learning process, communicate with physicians and contribute significant information to the development or modification of a pupil's individual educational plan.
4. Interpret the health and developmental assessment to parents, teachers, administrators and other professionals directly concerned with the pupil.
5. Refer the pupil and his or her parent or guardian to appropriate community resources for necessary services.
6. Design and implement a health maintenance plan to meet the individual needs of pupils, incorporating plans directed by a physician.
7. Interpret medical and nursing findings appropriate to the student's individual educational plan and make recommendations to professional personnel directly involved.
8. Consult with, conduct inservice training for and serve as a resource person to teachers and administrators, and act as a participant in implementing or developing any section or sections of a comprehensive health instruction curriculum for students by providing current scientific information regarding nutrition, preventive dentistry, mental health, genetics, prevention of communicable diseases, self-health care, consumer education and other areas of health.
9. Counsel pupils and parents by: (1) assisting children and youth, parents and school personnel in identifying and utilizing appropriate and mutually acceptable private and community health delivery services for professional care and remediation of defects; (2) counseling with parents, pupils and school staff regarding health related attendance problems; (3) helping parents, school personnel and pupils understand and adjust to physical, mental and social limitations; (4) exploring with families and pupils, attitudes, information and values which affect their health behavior.

10. Assist parents and pupils in overcoming financial, transportation and other barriers to needed health services.
11. Communicate with parents and involved community practitioner sand agencies to promote needed medical treatment and secure reports of medical findings pertinent to educational planning.