School Health Personnel

YOUR CERTIFIED SCHOOL NURSE is a unique specialist whose primary role is to strengthen the educational process through improvement of the health status of children and youth. She is a registered professional nurse with at least a baccalaureate degree and certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. She has an extensive background in health care, health education, school health, and the use of community resources. The school nurse:

1. Conducts mandated health screenings for vision, hearing, dental, scoliosis, height, weight and the body mass index (BMI). Referrals are made to your physician and dentist, and to the appropriate community agencies as needed.

2. Provides first aid and medical care for acute and chronically ill students.

3. Maintains accurate and comprehensive health records for all students.

4. Evaluates the health needs of all students.

5. Provides health counseling about chronic illness, nutrition, disease prevention, and healthy life styles.

6. Monitors students' compliance with state immunization laws.

7. Conducts health related classroom presentations.

8. Monitors communicable diseases in the school environment.

9. Acts as a medical resource person for faculty, staff and parents.

10. Participates as a special education team member as required

11. Serves as a resource person to community agencies.

12. Acts as a liaison between home, school and community resources.

13. Works with building administrators and teachers to report suspected child abuse to the Department of Children and Youth.

THE HEALTH ROOM NURSE is an RN or LPN who assists in providing medical and health related services to support the educational programming and physical needs of students under the direction of the Certified School Nurse (CSN).
THE HEALTH ASSISTANT is present in the secondary Health Offices during school hours. Qualifications for the job include a high school diploma, training in emergency first aid and certification in CPR/AED.