

## School Nursing is...

"School nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well being, academic success, and life-long achievement of students.

To that end, school nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development; promote health and safety; intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide case management services; and actively collaborate with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self management, self advocacy, and learning."

*The National Association  
of School Nurses*



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## Making the Difference



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## An Overview of the Standards of School Nursing Practice

Based on the  
Standards of School  
Nursing Practice  
as defined by the  
National Association  
of School Nurses

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# Performance Criteria Based on the Standards of School Nursing Practice

## STANDARD NUMBER 1

### Assessment

The School Nurse:

- Systematically compares and contrasts clinical findings.
- Involves the client, family, school staff, and stakeholders in holistic data collection.
- Uses appropriate evidence-based assessment techniques and instruments in collecting data.
- Documents relevant data in a retrievable form.

## STANDARD NUMBER 2

### Diagnosis

The School Nurse:

- Derives nursing diagnoses or issues based on assessment data.
- Documents nursing diagnoses or issues in a manner that facilitates the determination of the expected outcomes and plan.



## STANDARD NUMBER 3

### Outcomes Identification

The School Nurse:

- Involves the client, family, school staff, and other healthcare providers in formulating expected outcomes.
- Modifies expected outcomes based on changes in the status of the client or evaluation data.
- Documents expected outcomes as measurable goals.

## STANDARD NUMBER 4

### Planning

The School Nurse:

- Develops an individual healthcare plan considering the client characteristics or the situation with appropriate strategies for health promotion and disease prevention.
- Utilizes the plan to provide direction to other members of the school team.

## STANDARD NUMBER 5

### Implementation

The School Nurse:

- Implements the plan in a safe and timely manner.
- Documents implementation and any modifications, including changes and omissions, of the specified plan.
- Collaborates with nursing colleagues and others to implement the plan.

*Categories include Coordination of Care, Health Teaching and Promotion, Consultation and Prescriptive Authority and Treatment*

## STANDARD NUMBER 6

### Evaluation

The School Nurse:

- Evaluates the effectiveness of the planned strategies in relation to client responses and attainment of expected outcomes
- Documents the results of the evaluation

## Standards of Professional Performance

The New York Statewide School Health Services Center Evaluation Tool is based on the following additional standards:

- Quality of Practice
- Education
- Professional Practice Evaluation
- Collegiality
- Collaboration
- Ethics
- Research
- Resource Utilization
- Leadership
- Program Management



The Evaluation Tool is available on our website in our School Nurse Tool Kit at:

[http://www.schoolhealthservicesny.com/tool\\_kit.cfm](http://www.schoolhealthservicesny.com/tool_kit.cfm)