SCHOOL NURSES

The school nurse is a member of the total educational team whose contribution promotes mental and physical health of students so that they may participate in and benefit from the educational program.

As a member of the school staff, the school nurse contributes to the overall educational program of the school. Since all of the nurse=s functions must have administrative and medical approval, the nurse works closely with central administration and the principal in the individual school as well as under the guidelines of the Colorado Department of Health.

Within the school structure, the nurse works cooperatively with parents, teachers, administrators, school guidance personnel, special education staff, physicians, dentists and health agencies to help students receive appropriate attention for health problems.

The school nurse's work focuses on identification of health problems. The nurse is not authorized to diagnose nor prescribe nor to assume parental responsibilities for student health.

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CONTRACT REFS.: CSEA Agreement, Article XI Professional Rights and Responsibilities, Section D Respect for the Professions, subsection 2 Nursing and Paraprofessional Staff

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