Q) **How do School Nurses help children learn?**

A) The school nurses’ role includes:

• Assessing student health status and making referrals
• Identifying vision and hearing problems that impact learning
• Delivering emergency care
• Administering medication and vaccines
• Performing health care procedures
• Disaster preparedness
• Providing health counseling and Wellness programs

Q) **What benefits can I expect from working with School Nurses?**

A) Help students manage chronic illness, decreasing presenteeism

• Less absenteeism due to health concerns
• Improved attendance = academic success
• Keeping students at school and parents at work

• Allows teachers to teach instead of providing health care for children
• Help manage asthma reducing emergency room visits
• Wellness programs for staff

Q) **Can a secretary or paraeducator or teacher fill this role?**

A) Not safely as they are not medically trained or within state health care licensing regulations

Q) **Why?**

A) 24% of children have vision deficiencies

17% of children are obese/overweight

13% of children are prescribed medication more than 90 days

10% of children have mental/emotional behavioral problems

6% of children missed more than 11 days due to illness/injury

5% of children have asthma

5% of children have food allergies

5% of children have a seizure disorder

5% of children have hearing deficiencies

5% of children have ADHD

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**Teachers to Teach**

and

**Students to Learn!**