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.

From the NASN (National Association of School Nurses)
What Does the Carmel Clay School Nurse Do?

The main role of the Carmel Clay School Nurse is to maintain a healthy environment to facilitate learning through enacting effective plans designed to positively influence student and staff health and safety. The well prepared school nurse coordinates and leads all health programs in the school through the following:

- **Health Services**- as the designated provider, coordinates health services programs while providing skilled nursing care

- **Health Education**- teaches good health practices to students, staff, and parents

- **Healthy Environment**- promotes a nurturing school environment by recognizing and identifying safety and health issues at the school

- **Nutritional Services**- supports healthy dietary programs

- **Physical Education/Activity**- promotes healthy and safe physical education, athletic policies and practices

- **Mental Health Counseling**- assesses mental health needs and provides health counseling where necessary, provides interventions and referrals of students to appropriate school staff or community agencies

- **Parent/Community Involvement**- promotes parent and community involvement in supporting a healthy school

- **Staff Wellness**- educates, counsels, and promotes health in the workplace

What Services Does the Carmel Clay School Nurse Provide?

The Carmel Clay School Nurse serves as the health professional for the school community by providing the following services:

- Assessments of illnesses and injuries and providing appropriate treatment

- Identification, assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation of health concerns of the student

- Maintenance and dispensing of medication

- Maintenance of student health records

- Social health instruction

- Assistance in Individualized Education Plan (IEP) development

- Development of Individualized Health Plans (IHP) for students with disabilities and/or health conditions that interfere with the learning process

- Maintenance, education, and management of student’s chronic disease

- Screening for vision and scoliosis, with follow-up care

- Assessment and intervention of mental health needs of students

- Participation on school crisis team

- Inter-mediation for school and community health care