

In St. Louis County—a young teen collapsed in the gym, had a full tonic-clonic seizure and stopped breathing. The School Nurse opened his airway and the student recovered without any adverse effects.

In Jefferson County—a child was feeling nauseated, thirsty and was flushed. Following the School Nurse's assessments, he was sent to the hospital and diagnosed with Type I Diabetes.

In Springfield—a child was choking. His School Nurse performed the Heimlich Maneuver and he quickly recovered.

In Kansas City a School Nurse administered a nebulizer treatment to a student struggling to breathe. The student was able to return to class a half-hour later.

In Columbia—a preschooler had an allergic reaction to a bee sting. The School Nurse administered epinephrine and called 911. The preschooler was at school the next day.

If these situations happened in your school, would you know what to do?

The mission of the Missouri Association of School Nurses is to provide professional growth and to advance the practice of school nursing for the benefit of children.

The vision of MASN is that every child in Missouri has access to a registered professional nurse in the educational setting.



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Missouri School Nurses Save Lives and Help Children Learn!

“We know that students need to be healthy to learn. School nurses play a vital role in making sure that children are healthy and ready to learn.”

*Arne Duncan, Secretary,
U.S. Department of Education*



Why does every student need a school nurse?

- Federal law requires that all children, including those with disabilities, have access to a free public education
- Missouri invests a great deal of money in education. Students learn better when they are healthy
- School Nurses help students manage chronic health conditions, increasing attendance
- Research in Missouri demonstrates children seen by an RN return to the learning environment in less than 8 minutes
- For many uninsured and under-insured low income families, School Nurses are their front-line health care provider
- Increasing numbers of children have chronic conditions like asthma, severe food allergies and diabetes



School Nurses:

- Assess and provide Nursing Diagnosis and early intervention —related to student's physical and emotional responses to medical conditions.
- Counsel students on medical and emotional issues
- Administer and monitor medication needs daily
- Provide health screenings such as vision, hearing, scoliosis, etc.
- Detect and refer health issues to healthcare providers for further evaluation and treatment
- Write emergency action plans and individualized healthcare plans
- Act as a liaison between the home and the student's medical home
- Teach students to manage their own health concerns



School Nurses foster positive educational outcomes...

- Increased attendance allows teachers time to teach, increasing academic success and graduation rates
- Not having access to a School Nurse can lead to a disruption of the school day, added trips to hospital emergency rooms and delays in the care of chronic and preventable diseases
- Today's School Nurses are professional health care providers who save lives, provide safe-optimal management of children's health problems, provide identification of health concerns, keep children healthy, reduce absences, and help assure academic success

