

Students**SPECIAL EDUCATION NURSING SERVICES**

The law requires that students who are being referred for Special Education be assessed in all areas of a suspected disability. For some students this requires a health screening and/or assessment. It is vital that Regular Education and Special Education coordinate their health services to ensure that each student has their health needs considered when a teacher has a concern about them. The Student Study Team at the local school site is the first place where a student's needs should be discussed. The referring Regular Education Teacher should utilize the Student Study Team to provide suggestions for alternatives or modifications to the Regular Education Program prior to any Special Education referrals. One area of a student's profile that should be considered prior to referral to Special Education is their health status. Only after this information is combined with other data such as their academic levels of performance, social skills, behavioral traits, and economic and/or cultural considerations, can a determination be made whether or not a Special Education referral is appropriate.