



DIVISION OF SCHOOL & ADOLESCENT HEALTH SERVICES

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Division of School & Adolescent Services?

The School Health Program provides clinical services to Cincinnati Public Schools. Clinical services are provided by a public health nurse or a School Based Health Center.

What do school nurses do?

School nurses work with teachers and families to help students who have unmet health needs. The nurses provide a range of services including: physicals, administering and tracking immunizations in the school, vision, dental and hearing screenings, educating teachers, parents, and students in healthy habits, managing chronic illnesses, and coordinating healthcare for those children who have trouble obtaining care.

Our nurses help keep kids in the classroom, and make sure school is a healthy and safe place!

What is a School Based Health Center?

School Based Health Centers are full service Cincinnati Health Department clinics located in Cincinnati Public Schools. These clinics serve the medical needs of children and families in the school and community. Currently, there are 11 School Based Health Centers in CPS serving over 10,000 students.

The clinics provide physicals, asthma management, immunizations, prescription medications, sick and injury care, and health education to children and families. Having a clinic in school makes it easier for parents to keep up with their children's medical needs, and keep children in school.

School Based Health Centers create better access to healthcare and help keep families healthy!

Where are School Based Health Centers?

School Based Health Centers are currently in 11 schools: Aiken, AWL, Ethel Taylor, J.P Parker, Mt. Airy, Oyler, Roberts Padeira, Riverview, Roll Hill, West High/Dater, and Withrow.

Can they do everything a primary care office can do?

Yes, School Based Health Centers are Health Department run clinics with the ability to perform physicals, prescribe medications, administer vaccines, run routine labs, and make referrals for specialized services. They employ highly qualified doctors, nurse practitioners, and resident nurses that follow stringent federal guidelines for patient safety and privacy.

How do I enroll in a School Based Health Center?

If you have a School Based Health Center at your school, simply call or walk in to the Health Center and ask to enroll your child. Enrollment packets are provided in the back to school packet and available at the School Based Health Centers. Appointments can be made by phone if your child is already enrolled.

If you do not have a Health Center in your school and need services call your school nurse so they can help connect you with the services you need.

Who can use School Based Health Centers?

School Based Health Centers primarily see students who attend that school. If you are an adult or your child's school does not have a School Based Health Center, please contact Riverview Health Center at (513) 363-3476. Riverview Health Center provides care to everybody regardless of age, insurance status, or affiliation with school.

For more information contact your school's main office or school nurse.