

# School Health Center Program

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

## OVERVIEW

Through the School Health Center Program, students receive medical, mental health, dental and health education services on-site without leaving school property, or for school-linked health centers, receive these services in close proximity of the school. School health centers bring health care to schools in order to help students succeed.

Each local community decides which services will be provided on-site or through referral. Health centers are operated in compliance with Illinois Standards for School Health Centers: Title 77 Illinois Administrative Code, Chapter IV, Subchapter J. The health center has a Medical Director and is staffed by a Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant who is qualified to provide medical care to children.

## WHO IS SERVED?

### *Population(s)/Age Group:*

The target population is school-aged children.

### *Eligibility Criteria and Screening Tools:*

Students must have parental consent to receive services unless otherwise allowed by law to consent for services.

## HOW ARE SERVICES DELIVERED?

### *Local Service System:*

Services are accessed through the local schools or school health center sponsoring agency.

### *Referrals into Program:*

School staff, parents, community agencies may make referrals to the program.

### *Data Systems Used:*

Centers use a variety of systems to collect demographic and visit data and report to IDPH.

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