



Proposition H Funded Student Support Services SHPD PROGRAM/SERVICE

Historical Background:

Proposition H, passed by San Francisco voters in March 2004, creates a Public Education Fund for the next eleven fiscal years to increase City funding for public education. Prop H funds (up to \$60 million dollars per year) are distributed as follows: one-third to SFUSD for arts, music, sports and library programs; one-third to the First Five Commission for pre-school programs; and one-third to SFUSD for general education purposes. SFUSD has allocated a portion of the general education Prop H money to fund Student Support Professionals at elementary and middle schools.

What is the goal/purpose of Proposition H?

Proposition H increases funding for public education in San Francisco in an effort to improve student achievement and outcomes. The breakdown of funding shows support for early intervention (preschool programs), enrichment activities (art, music, sports and library), and general education needs, primarily learning supports. Currently, Proposition H funds a .5 FTE Learning Support Professional at every middle school and a .5 FTE Learning Support Professional or School District Nurse at every elementary school.

What is School Health Programs Department's role?

SHPD hires, provides professional development, mentors, and supervises all Learning Support Professionals and School District Nurses funded through Prop H.

What services do Learning Support Professionals and School District Nurses provide?

Learning Support Professionals:

- address the social/emotional barriers to student achievement
- develop/enhance a positive school climate
- build and facilitate effective coordinated service teams (Student Assistance Program -SAP, Student Success Team -SST, Student Attendance Review Team -SART)
- provide individual and/or group mental health and crisis services to students and families
- develop new programs and collaborations based on students' needs
- provide students, parents, and staff with information and referral to a broad range of community resources
- collaborate with teachers and provide classroom observations to address student/classroom needs
- assist staff with implementation of research based drug and violence prevention curricula

School District Nurses:

- manage chronic health conditions in the school setting
- support development of emergency and crisis plans
- enhance communication between home/school and health care providers to support students with health conditions
- provide health education to students, staff and parents using research validated curricula
- participate in coordinated services teams (SAP, SST, SART) to improve student performance
- provide referrals and linkages to community based agencies
- promote staff wellness by administering flu shots, TB tests, and blood pressure checks, and by facilitating stress reduction activities

Resources within SFUSD and SHPD that support Prop H funded services:

- Elementary/Middle School Student Advisors
- Elementary School Counseling Grant (ESCG)
- Pupil Services Counselors
- Safe Passages Program
- School Psychologists
- Site Nutrition Coordinators (SNC)
- Student Intervention Team (SIT/SB1895)