



SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER

SHPD PROGRAM/SERVICE

...Healthy children learn better

Historical Background: The School Health Center was started in January 1992 by San Francisco Unified School District's Schools Health Programs Department to provide health assessment and services to children with unmet health needs.

What is the goal of the School Health Center? The goal of the School Health Center is to assess school-age children for health problems that may interfere with their learning. Being part of the school district enables School Health Center staff to work closely with the children, parents/ guardians, and school site staff to identify and manage problems that interfere with school attendance and achievement. Children in need of further services are referred for school district services and/or to community agencies.

Children enrolled in San Francisco Unified School District's elementary schools will be seen at the School Health Center if they do not have a regular medical provider or are unable to obtain these services from their provider. In order for children to receive services at the School Health Center, they must be eligible for government sponsored health insurance. No private insurance is accepted. Parents/guardians or school personnel can refer children to the School Health Center.

The following services are provided at the School Health Center:

- Physical and neurological exam
- Vision and hearing screening
- Blood test for iron deficiency, and urinalysis
- Educational/developmental screening
- Completion of a health history
- Immunizations and TB Skin testing
- Communication and written reports to school staff
- Referral to community providers and agencies
- Case management

Activities within the SFUSD and SHPD that support the School Health Center.

- SAP/SART/SST
- Student Support Staff including Learning Support Professionals, School District Nurses, and Site Nutrition Coordinators
- ExCEL After School Programs
- Foster Youth Services

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