What is school-based health?

School-based health care is a powerful investment in the health and academic potential of children and adolescents. This model delivers convenient, accessible, and wide-ranging primary and mental health care services to students where they already spend most of their time: in school.\(^1\)

How do school-based health programs work?

Schools can partner with a health care provider in their community or sponsor a program on their own. Providers can include community health centers (federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics), hospitals, local health departments, non-profits, universities or mental health agencies. Providers deliver health services and receive reimbursement for services provided through public and private insurance.

How do students benefit from school-based health?

School-based health programs provide a variety of services to students who may not otherwise be able to access the health care they need. These include:

- Well-care
- Sick visits
- Immunizations
- Oral health
- Disease prevention
- Health education
- Chronic disease management
- Behavioral health counseling

How does Missouri benefit from school-based health?

- Improved student attendance and academic performance
- Efficient and effective delivery of health care to children and families
- School-based health services can be made available to the general public in the community
- Potential to yield cost savings to the state’s Medicaid program

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1 National School-Based Health Alliance

School-Based Health in Missouri Counties
Who is the Show-Me School-Based Health Alliance?

MO-SBHA is the emerging statewide affiliate of the national School-Based Health Alliance established to improve the health of children and youth by advancing and advocating for school-based health care. We share the national School Based Health Alliance’s vision that all children and adolescents are healthy and achieving at their fullest potential.

Our Mission:

We support communities in building and sustaining quality school-based health programs.

Our Vision:

Every child and youth in Missouri has an equal opportunity to succeed by assuring access to high quality healthcare.

Our Values:

- Access
- Collaboration
- Equity
- Inclusiveness
- Innovations
- Outcomes Driven
- Student-centered decision-making and practices
- Sustainability

2019 Policy Priorities

MO HealthNet reimbursement for services provided by Community Health Workers

- Community Health Workers provide services, such as care coordination, health education and teacher consultation, that help Missouri kids get and stay healthy.

Ensuring youth that are homeless can easily access needed health services

- Missouri youth that are homeless must currently obtain consent from a parent or guardian, many of which are unable to obtain, before they can access medical services.

- Allowing such youth to provide medical consent for themselves will allow them to get the medical care they need.