

What is the difference between the School Nurse (SN) and the Nurse Practitioner (NP)?

A SHC is not the same as the school nurse's office. The school nurse and the SHC work closely together and school nurses often refer students to the SHC because it is able to treat and resolve student health problems.

THE SCHOOL NURSE is a licensed registered nurse (RN) with specialized training in school health. Primary functions of the SN include:

- monitors the compliance of required school entry health forms
- manages the individual health care plans for students needing medication/care
- dispenses authorized medications to students during the school day
- conducts State mandated screenings
- provides minor episodic care and/or triage for students who are sick or injured
- refers students needing greater assessment/care to the SHC or the child's regular provider, usually in consult with parents

A NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP) is a licensed registered nurse with Masters level training in primary/chronic health care of children/adolescents, and can provide a higher level of care than school nurses.

The primary functions of the NP include:

- diagnoses and treats common illness and injury
- provides preventive health services such as physical exams and immunizations
- manages chronic illnesses
- writes prescriptions, orders and interprets labs, x-rays and other tests
- provides individual and group health counseling
- makes referrals for specialty care



Stop by the SHC to meet the staff and enroll your child TODAY!

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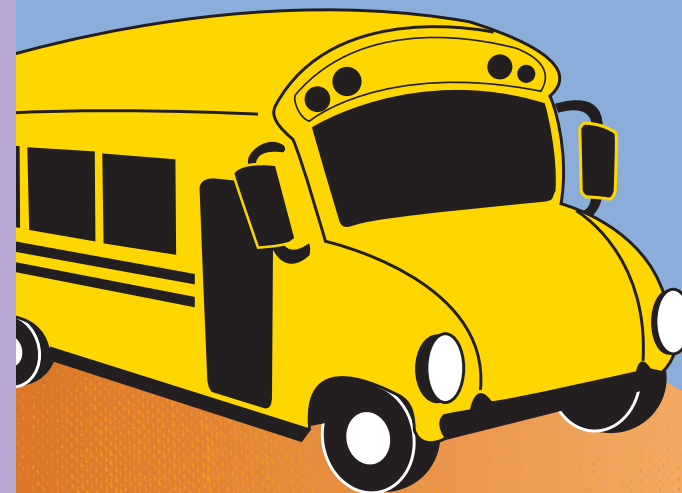
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School Health Centers

Supporting the Whole Child:

*A Healthy Body & Mind
for Success in School and Life!*



Quality Healthcare At School:

Where kids are...

When they need it!



New Haven School Change

NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NHPS-School Health Centers (SHC)

MISSION:

To provide all students access to quality, confidential and convenient health and support services during the school day. As partners with families, schools and community providers, SHCs address health and behavioral issues, reduce health disparities, and support learning to ensure that all students can achieve their full potential in school and in life.

SHCs reduce absenteeism and risky adolescent behaviors and improve health, and increase academic success, attendance and graduation rates.

NHPS operates 17 SHCs located in K-8 and high schools, and partners with community health agencies to staff each site.

What are School Health Centers (SHC)?

A SHC is a health suite located in a school that offers enrolled students confidential primary and urgent healthcare, counseling, health education, and in some cases, dental care at no cost to the student or family.

Enrolled students can receive care such as: *a flu shot or immunizations, an annual physical exam, treatment or medication when they are sick or hurt during school, or speak to a social worker in a safe, nurturing, and familiar place during the school day.*

Who works in the School Health Centers?

Our SHCs are staffed by licensed clinicians from several partner health agencies that include: Fair Haven Community Health Center, Yale-New Haven Hospital, Fair Haven Community Health Center, New Haven Health Department, Cornell Scott Hill Health Center and Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic.

Most SHCs have a nurse practitioner, a social worker, and an office manager. These providers do not replace your child's regular providers.

They communicate with his/her primary care provider when needed to coordinate care and follow-up for your child.

Benefits of using a SHC:

- Improves health of kids
- Convenience for both students and parents
- Students receive care from trusted adults where they are, when they need it
- Less missed time from work and school
- Allows students to stay in school and be available to learn
- No cost to students/families
- Follow-up care done in school

Services provided:

✓ MEDICAL

- Diagnosis and treatment for injuries and illness
- Well-child physical examinations & sports physicals
- Immunizations and laboratory tests
- Management of chronic health conditions
- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Topic specific groups
- Referrals for specialty care
- Individual, group, classroom health education

✓ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Individual, group, and family therapy
- Alcohol and substance abuse counseling
- Behavioral health awareness and outreach
- Screening and assessment for behavioral issues
- Crisis prevention and intervention
- Case management and/or referrals
- Student and/or family support groups

✓ NEW! PREVENTIVE DENTAL SERVICES IN SELECTED LOCATIONS (see back) 🦷

- screening
- cleaning
- fluoride treatment
- sealants
- X-rays

How do I enroll my child in the SHC?

It's easy! **Parents/guardians must complete and sign a permission form to enroll each child under 18 years old.** Students 18 or older can sign permission forms for themselves. Permission forms are available in the SHCs or on the NHPS-SHC website. Submit the completed form to the SHC staff at your child's school, and he/she is eligible to receive all services in the SHC!

How much does it cost?

SHC services do not cost anything for students or their families. For students with private insurance, Medicaid, or a public insurance plan, the partner agency or NHPS will bill the insurance company directly for eligible services.

Does my child or his/her parents need an appointment to be seen in the SHC?

Parents may always call the SHC and request an appointment for their child.

Most SHCs schedule appointments with students if follow-up or additional visits are needed. Otherwise, students and parents may access the SHC as needed for questions, or for urgent care needed during the school day.

