West Contra Costa Unified School District
School-Based Health Centers
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School-Based Health Centers: Who We Are

The mission of the WCCUSD school-based health centers is to foster student well-being and strengthen school community through an integrated and coordinated approach that builds equity and promotes academic success.

The District encompasses five cities and several unincorporated areas of West Contra Costa County including Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, Richmond, and El Cerrito as well as Kensington, El Sobrante, and North Richmond.

With nearly 30,000 students pre-K through 12th grade, WCCUSD serves a diverse population with people of color comprising 86% of the students. Our students bring more than 80 home languages and one in three receives services for English language learners. More than 70 percent of students are eligible under federal guidelines for free or reduced lunches — an indicator of socioeconomic disadvantage.

WCCUSD’s School Health Initiative

West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) launched a district-wide school health initiative in 2006 by committing resources to support a Site Coordinator at each of its seven comprehensive high schools. The Site Coordinators oversee operations and expansion of their high school’s school-based health center (SBHC). These centers are open to all students regardless of ability to pay.

The WCCUSD School Health Initiative is a collaboration between the District, school site administrators, the eight SBHCs, adolescent health advocates and community providers who have a commitment to delivering high quality school health and wellness services in all WCCUSD high schools.

SBHC Visits Provided (n=22,845)

- Individual Mental Health Counseling: 54%
- Group Mental Health Counseling: 21%
- Medical Services: 25%

“I know if something were ever to happen to me, I have something to fall back on. If I need help with anything, I have some place to go.”
— WCCUSD Student

“At the health center the people there are always willing to help you and give you what you need to get through something or just when you need someone to talk to.”
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Services offered at the SBHCs

WCCUSD has made a strong commitment to School-Based Health Centers. Each of these SBHCs is unique and reflects the school health priorities of its students. Each is managed by a School Health Site Coordinator and supported by a community organization which serves as its lead agency. Although the SBHCs vary in look and feel, they all provide a fundamental level of mental, medical and health education services. SBHCs also provide students with youth development opportunities such as serving as peer health educators or on the SBHC’s Youth Advisory Board.

All services are free and confidential

Bayview Elementary
3001 16th St, San Pablo, CA
Site Coordinator: Lakesha Hill

Coronado Elementary Health Center
4301 Berk Avenue, Richmond
Site Coordinator: Eleazar Martinez

Crespi Middle Community School Health Svs.
1121 Allview Ave, El Sobrante,
Site Coordinator: Kenitra Mitchell

De Anza H.S. Health Center
5000 Valley View Road, Richmond
Site Coordinator: Gail Russell

DeJean Middle Community School Health Svs.
3400 Macdonald Ave, Richmond
Site Coordinator:

Dover Elementary Community School Health Svs.
1870 19th St, San Pablo
Site Coordinator: Edgar Medina

El Cerrito H.S. James Morehouse Project
540 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito
Site Coordinator: Jenn Rader & Danielle Storer

Greenwood Academy Health Center
715 Chanslor Avenue, Richmond
Site Coordinator: Reginald Figs

Helms Middle Community School Health Svs.
2500 Rd 20, San Pablo, CA 94806
Site Coordinator: Megan White

Hercules H.S. Health Center
1900 Refugio Valley Road, Hercules
Site Coordinator: Rachel Navarro

Kennedy H.S. Health Center
4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond
Site Coordinator: Shahad Wright

Lake Elementary Community School Health Svs.
2700 11th St, San Pablo
Site Coordinator: Diana Baires

Pinole Valley H.S. Health Center
2900 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole
Site Coordinator: Theresa Dade-Boone

Richmond H.S. Health Center
Community in Schools Building
1250 23rd St., Richmond
Site Coordinator: Terry Mitchell

Riverside Elementary
2700 11th St, San Pablo, CA
Site Coordinator: Lena Nicodemus

School-based health centers bring health services to students where they spend the majority of their time—at school. They are built out of community partnerships in order to reduce health disparities, and improve student health and academic success. Services provided can include medical, dental, mental health, health education, and youth development.

SBHCs rely upon a variety of sources to sustain their services. Insurance reimbursements, partner organization and school district contributions provide some of the needed funds, but additional community support is critical to the sustainability of these centers.

WCCUSD’s SBHCs are among 247 SBHCs in California. For more information about SBHCs visit www.schoolhealthcenters.org

Special Acknowledgement for our Partners & Supporters

SBHC Lead Agencies
YMCA of the East Bay
Bay Area Community Resources
Contra Costa Health Services

Community Partners
Supervisor John Gioia
California School-Based Health Alliance
Kaiser Permanente
The California Endowment

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