



# SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER

## FACT SHEET

...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 is to provide health assessments and services to uninsured children with unmet health needs.

**What is the School Health Center?** The purpose of the Center is to assess preschool, elementary and middle school children for health problems that may interfere with their learning. As part of the school district, the Health Center personnel can work closely with the children, parents/ guardians, classroom teachers, resource specialists, and school administrators to identify and manage problems that impair school attendance and achievement. Children in need of further services are referred to community agencies for ongoing programs/services.

Children enrolled in San Francisco Unified School District's preschools, elementary and middle schools will be seen at the Center if they do not have a regular medical provider or are unable to obtain these services from the provider. Children must have a family income in the low to moderate range and no private health insurance. Medi-Cal 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 examination
- neurological examination
- hearing and vision testing
- blood test for iron deficiency
- urinalysis
- case management, developmental and language screening interview of parent/guardian to obtain complete health history immunizations and TB skin tests referral to primary care providers and community agencies interpretation of medical information to school personnel

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

- Student Assistant Program
- Medical Consultants
- SST
- Citywide School Health Planning committee
- School District Nurse

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