

Who We Are:

Metro Care Connection School Based Health Centers provides expanded primary care health services to our Cedar Rapids Community School District students.

The centers are located at three of our district high schools, but may serve all district students PK-12.

Our centers are staffed by licensed nurse practitioners who provide physical and preventive health services to students in a youth-friendly environment. Parental/guardian written consent is required for students to receive services.

** Services are provided to students regardless of ability to pay.*

What We Do:

School-based health centers are a coordinated model for health and education. Metro Care Connection:

- Provides students access to health care where they are, in a location that is safe, convenient, and accessible and minimizes the amount of time outside of the classroom
- Provides services that improve the physical, social, emotional, and behavioral health of students, as well as minimize the effects of poverty and other adverse experiences on student success.
- Acts as a resource center for wellness and prevention
- Helps families navigate the healthcare system and to establish a medical home in the community

Services are not intended to replace the need for students and families to establish routine primary care in the community

Thank you to our community partners!

Hills Bank
HACAP
UnityPoint Dental Health Center
University of Iowa KidSight
Lion's Club

Metro Care Connection School Based Health Centers

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Staffed by licensed nurse practitioners.



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Benefit To Students, Families & Community:

School-based health centers reduce barriers to learning, such as absenteeism, mental health issues, and trauma.

School-based health centers promote health and educational equity by:

- Improving school attendance
- Supporting at-risk students
- Connecting students and families to medical health coverage and other resources in the community
- Promoting health education
- Placing emphasis on preventive health
- Assisting families with managing chronic health conditions that impact school attendance
- Assisting students to reduce barriers to participation in student activities thus improving student engagement at school

How Do I Make a Health Care Appointment?

Call our appointment scheduler at
319-558-2481

Services Provided:

Our three health centers offer free health care to all Cedar Rapids School District students without access to affordable health insurance or a primary care provider. Each health center is staffed by a Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP).

Our nurse practitioners provide:

- Physical examinations & immunizations
- Treatment of minor illness (i.e., ear infection, strep throat)
- Basic laboratory tests (i.e., throat cultures, urine tests)
- Health education and counseling
- Referrals for complex medical conditions

In order to receive medical care at one of the school-based health centers, **students under the age of 18 must have a completed consent form signed by a parent/guardian***. Parents/ guardians are requested to be present for physical exams and when treatment is needed.

**Iowa codes 139A.35 and 141A.7 provide that a minor may consent for diagnosis of pregnancy/sexually transmitted disease testing and the treatment of any STD and that the consent of a parent or guardian is not necessary for these services.*

Locations:

Kennedy High School

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Kathy Larson, Health Secretary
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Metro High School

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Deb Gordon, Health Secretary
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1212 7th Street SE

Jefferson High School

Sam Pape, ARNP
Carrie Deam, Health Secretary
558-2221
1243 20th Street SW