



A School-Based Health Center (SBHC) provides comprehensive primary care services in a school year-round. There are seven (7) SBHCs in the District of Columbia that the DC Department of Health (DC Health) oversees. A SBHC can serve as a student’s primary health care provider or supplement the services they would normally receive. Each SBHC offers medical, oral, social, and mental health services, education to enrolled students and the children of enrolled students. SBHC staff also provide referrals to specialty care, community providers and other programs that coordinate to ensure every student receives the care they need to lead healthier lives.

SERVICES PROVIDED

PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE CARE

- Well Child Visits
- Sports Physicals
- Immunizations
- Chronic Disease Management
- Nutrition Counseling
- Acute Care
- Substance Abuse Screening
- Family Planning
- Pregnancy Testing
- Prenatal Care
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Testing, Counseling and Treatment

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Mental Health Services

ORAL HEALTH

- Examinations
- Cleanings
- Education and Counseling
- Sealants

ANACOSTIA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

1601 16th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20020
(202) 724-5529

BALLOU SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

3401 4th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20032
(202) 645-3843

CARDOZO EDUCATION CAMPUS

1200 Clifton Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 727-5148

COOLIDGE HS and IDA B. WELLS MS

6315 5th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
(202) 847-4077

DUNBAR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

101 N Street, NW
Washington DC 20011
(202) 724-4086

ROOSEVELT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

4301 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
(202) 727-6333

WOODSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

540 55th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20019
(202) 724-2287

DC Department of Health partners with the following health care providers:

- MedStar Health at Anacostia SHS & Roosevelt SHS
- Children’s National Hospital (CNH) at Ballou SHS, & Dunbar SHS
- Unity Health Care, Inc. at Cardozo EC& HD Woodson
- Mary’s Center at Coolidge HS and Ida B. Well

When are SBHCs open and what are the hours?

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00am–4:30pm (open during lunch periods). Following the DCPS closure and holiday schedule, SBHCs are open year-round (SBHCs run under a modified schedule during summer school and seasonal breaks).

An on-call physician is available when the SBHC is closed (e.g., from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays, weekends, and holidays) and facilitate emergency room referrals of students as needed.

Who can receive services at a SBHC?

Any student currently enrolled at the high school or the children of students. Also, in partnership with DCPS, high school student athletes have access to the SBHC. After graduation, seniors can use the health center through the first week of August; after that, SBHC staff will assist students with transitioning to another health care provider. DC Health and DCPS reserves the right to extend services to different groups of students during public health emergencies.

Can I still go to my normal doctor's office?

Yes. SBHCs can either supplement existing services received from a student's primary health care provider or serve as a student's regular health provider. SBHCs offer the convenience of a doctor's visit without missing an entire day of school or requiring a parent to miss work. SBHC staff communicate with your regular doctor to keep them informed.

How do I sign up?

- When you enroll in school, you can receive SBHC enrollment forms from the school's registrar.
- Forms are also available online at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/school-based-health-centers>.
- A student does not need parental consent to use the SBHC for confidential services.
 - Confidential services include but not limited to: family planning, pregnancy testing, STD and HIV testing and treatment, substance abuse concerns and mental health concerns.

Please consult the Minor Consent Law for more information at <https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/laws/23-193.html>.

Is it true that students don't pay?

YES! Students DO NOT directly pay for services.
Instead, if a student is insured, the insurance may be billed where applicable.
We do not send bills or letters home for confidential services.
A case manager is able to help students apply for insurance if they lack it.

What if there's an emergency?

If a student needs to be seen at a SBHC for either confidential services or an unlikely emergency, enrollment will be done by SBHC staff where applicable. Parents/Guardians will be contacted for verbal approval in case of an emergency or if a medical visit is recommended by the school nurse and students seeking confidential services will need to self-enroll.



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