

School-based health centers (SBHCs) are an innovative way to make sure all kids get health care and do well in school. In 2000, California had 108 SBHCs; today, there are 243.

## What Defines SBHCs?

- **Enhanced access** to health care.
- **Stronger prevention** and population health.
- **Intensive support** for the highest need students.
- **Support for the school's mission** to improve academic achievement.
- **Integration** into the health care system.

## Where Are California's SBHCs?

- Nearly half are in high schools, more than a quarter are in elementary schools, 10% are in middle schools, and 15% are school linked or mobile medical vans.
- Many SBHCs are located in schools serving some of the state's most vulnerable children. On campuses with SBHCs, about 70% of students receive free or reduced price meals.

## How Are Services Determined?

SBHCs encompass a variety of models, from clinics with full-time medical and mental health staff to part-time clinics offering a limited set of services. Some SBHCs serve only students, others serve the entire community. School boards have the final say over what services are provided so the community is always in control.

*Types of Services Provided*

Service	% Centers
Medical Services	86%
Health Education	71%
Mental Health Services	62%
Reproductive Health - Screening and Education	60%
Reproductive Health - Clinical Care	56%
Dental Services - Prevention	49%
Dental Services - Treatment	27%
Youth Engagement Programs	51%

## Who Operates SBHCs?

The most common types of organizations that operate SBHCs are:

- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- School Districts
- County Health Departments
- Hospitals

## How Are SBHCs Financed?

- Reimbursement through health plans, the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP), Family PACT, Medi-Cal, and EPSDT contracts for mental health services.
- School district contributions or in-kind support of space, utilities, and custodial services.
- Sponsoring agency contributions or subsidies.
- Government and private grants.



# School-Based Health Centers (by county)

