

California School Health Policy Update

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2024-25 State Budget

- Governor's initial proposal was released on Wednesday, January 10th
- Overview:
 - \$208.7 billion General Fund
 - \$37.9 billion shortfall
 - \$18.4 billion reserves
- Shortfall caused by drop in revenue from taxes on high income earners, capital gains, and 2023 storms
 - No new funding for discretionary programs expected in 2024-25

2024-25 State Budget

- \$37.9 billion shortfall to be mitigated by:
 - \$13.1 billion from 2023-24 budget reserves
 - \$8.5 billion in spending cuts
 - \$5.7 billion from special funds and borrowing
 - \$5.1 billion in spending delays
 - \$3.4 billion in shifts to special funds
 - \$2.1 billion in spending deferrals
- Budget highlights:
 - Medi-Cal expanded to **all** income-eligible residents ages 26-49
 - \$126.8 billion in K-12 program spending
 - New school facility bond measure for November ballot



2024-25 State Budget

Learn more at:

<https://ebudget.ca.gov/>



2024 Legislative Calendar

2024 session runs from **January 3rd to August 31st**

Date	Milestone
February 16th	Last day to introduce new legislation
May 24th	Last day to pass legislation out of house of origin
June 15th	Last day to pass 2024-25 Budget
July 4th-August 5th	Summer Recess
August 31st	Last day to pass legislation
September 30th	Last day for Governor to act on legislation



2024 Policy Priorities

CSHA reviews and updates its policy priorities on an annual basis. With school-based health centers and services under increased scrutiny, it is more important than ever to be proactive in our advocacy efforts. This ensures that CSHA focuses on advancing, defending, and elevating the mission of school-based health centers with the most critical issues in mind.

The 2024 Policy Priorities guide CSHA advocacy at the State Capitol, in Washington, D.C., and in local communities.



2024 Policy Priorities

1. State funding for starting, improving, and/or expanding new school-based health centers.
2. Ensure the physical, mental, and reproductive well-being of students by protecting their right to consent to and access medically accurate, confidential, culturally relevant, and age appropriate health services in schools
3. Improve substance use prevention and early intervention in schools by decreasing punitive discipline policies.

Sponsored Legislation

- **Assembly Bill 2052 (Jones-Sawyer)**
 - School-Based Health and Education Partnership Program
 - Would improve coordination between CA Dept. of Public Health and CA Dept. of Education to support school-based health programs
- **Senate Bill 954 (Menjivar)**
 - Youth Health & Safety Act
 - Would require middle and high schools to make condoms available free to students
 - Co-sponsored with:
 - Essential Health Access
 - GENup
 - Black Women for Wellness
 - Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity (URGE)

2023 Legislation

Governor Newsom signed 890 bills into law, including two that will impact school-based health:

- **Assembly Bill 665 (Carrillo)**
 - Starting July 1, 2024, minors ages 12-18 on Medi-Cal can consent to outpatient mental health services
 - Supported by CSHA
- **Senate Bill 525 (Durazo)**
 - Starting June 1, 2024, increases minimum wage for health care workers to **\$21/hour**
 - Starting June 1, 2025, increases minimum wage to **\$25/hour**

Other Advocacy

- Need comprehensive data on student health impacts at your school? Check out the newly updated **Student Health Index** here:

<https://www.schoolhealthcenters.org/student-health-index/>

- CSHA partnered with **The Children's Partnership** to educate legislators and their staff on student health needs. Our first legislative briefing, "*Strategizing Health Equity for Children & Youth*," was held virtually on February 7th!
- CSHA is drafting a policy brief on local funding models for school-based health centers and best practices for local advocacy. More details to follow!

Questions



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