

Vision

The Center for Healthy Schools is a core connector that improves the health and academic achievement of children and adolescents through the alignment of a health-promoting school, community, and family environment.

Mission

Supporting PA schools' children, families, and communities to get and stay healthy by aligning health and learning for the whole child.



Our Partners

- Brandywine Health Foundation
- Chester County Health Department
- Chester County Intermediate Unit
- Coatesville Area School District
- Downingtown Area School District
- Great Valley School District
- Lock Haven University
- Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Pennsylvania Department of Health
- Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School
- Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
- Pennsylvania State House of Representatives
- Planned Parenthood
- School District of Lancaster
- School District of Philadelphia
- United Way
- Upper Main Line YMCA
- West Chester Area School District
- West Chester Communities That Care
- West Chester University

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Our Urgency

- ▶ Health and learning are inextricably intertwined.
- ▶ Compelling case for the causal role that health plays in closing the education achievement gap.
- ▶ Healthy school communities provide a consistent message.

What We Do

- ▶ Promote awareness of the link between health and learning.
- ▶ Partner with schools and community prevention partners.
- ▶ Provide professional development through the School Health Leadership Institute.
- ▶ Build organizational capacity through the coordinated school health model.
- ▶ Engage school administrators, teachers, staff, and parents as partners in promoting healthy schools and academic success.
- ▶ Provide professional resources and networking.
- ▶ Assist in creating policies which provide sustainable changes related to positive health behaviors of students and staff.

Benefits of a Healthy School Community

- ▶ Higher academic achievement from students
- ▶ Increased staff satisfaction and decreased staff turnover
- ▶ Greater efficiency
- ▶ Development of a positive school climate
- ▶ Development of a school-community culture that promotes and enhances student growth

