

# Office of School Health

Helping students reach their academic potential through better health



## Who We Are

The Office of School Health is a joint office of the New York City Health Department and the Department of Education. Its physicians, nurses and support staff work to improve the health of New York City students.

## What We Do

- Provide medical care to students who get sick at school or have an ongoing health condition.
- Carry out periodic health screenings (e.g., vision exams) and physical exams.
- Communicate with parents about any health concerns identified.
- Refer families to community health care providers.
- Work to protect students from outbreaks (e.g., flu) and other health threats.
- Educate students and parents about health issues and healthy behaviors, such as good nutrition and physical activity.

## The Office of School Health also offers some specialized services, including:

- *Asthma management*: Works with families of children with asthma to make sure that students have the right treatment plans.
- *Mental health services*: Guides and supports in-school mental health trainings and services.
- *Oral health services*: At select schools, provides dental screenings and applies dental sealants and fluoride varnish.
- *Reproductive health services*: Provides high school students with sexual health education, contraception and referrals.
- *Vision services*: Provides vision screenings, eye exams and eyeglass services to eligible students.

## Contact Us

Talk to your school nurse or school physician if you have any questions or concerns, or contact the Office of School Health at **347-396-4720** or **[OSH@health.nyc.gov](mailto:OSH@health.nyc.gov)**.