

Gervais School District

School Health Services Grant



What is the School Health Services Grant?

Gervais School District is the recipient of a two-phase grant that will allow us to evaluate current district and community health care needs. This is a collaborative project that responds to the needs of the community. By the end of December 2022, the grant steering committee – made up of district staff and community representatives - will recommend to the school board we pursue one of two options:

Option 1:

Expand our current District Nursing Services program, which provides daily care and emergency response for students, it coordinates school response to communicable diseases outbreaks, and it support prevention-oriented school health programs. This option only supports students within the district.

Option 2:

Gervais School District opens a District-Based Health Centers (DBHCs), which is a medical clinic on school grounds that offer a full range of physical, behavioral, and preventive health services by licensed health care providers. Services are provided in a convenient and accessible environment at school, regardless of a student's ability to pay. This option may support members of the entire community, both during and after school hours and on the weekends.

Want to know more or participate in this process?

Look for more information soon about upcoming information nights, focus groups, and surveys. Also, look for information at **Gervais School District's Open House evening on September 1.**



We know that when students can access youth-centered health care and learn how to advocate for their health needs in safe and supportive environments:

1. Students' health, overall well-being, and academic success improves.
2. Students get more time in the classroom; absenteeism decreases, and graduation rates increase.
3. Students gain knowledge and skills to manage health conditions including health promotion, disease prevention, and illness management.
4. When students' health needs are met, educators can focus on teaching and parents/caregivers can remain at work.



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