Adams County Health Department
Board of Health
School Health Policy & Prevention Portfolio

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Agenda

• Landscape of Adams County School Districts
• Role of the School Health Policy & Prevention Specialist
• Healthy Kids Colorado Survey Talking Points and Timeline
• Youth Health Data
Landscape of Adams County School Districts

**Districts/Schools within Adams County**
- Adams 12 Five Star Schools
- Adams 14
- Aurora Public Schools (8 Schools in Adams Co.)
- Bennett School District
- Brighton 27J
- Mapleton Public Schools
- Strasburg School District
- Westminster Public Schools

**Districts that serve Adams County Students**
(no schools in Adams County)
- Byers School District
- Deer Trail School District
- Weld County School District RE-3J
- Wiggins School District RE-50J

[Adams County Health Department School District Map]
Influence Between Education and Public Health

• Strong relationship between educational attainment and health
• A good education helps build a strong foundation and better opportunities to health
• Educational attainment is a social determinant of health
• Poor health can affect educational outcomes

*Graphic from Colorado Consumer Health Initiative*
Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model (WSCC)

- Role of the community in supporting the schools
- Connections between health and academic achievement
- Importance of evidence-based school policies and practices
Role of the School Health Policy & Prevention Specialist

• Connector and convener of school districts (internal and external)
• Identify ways ACHD can help address/support each school district’s unique priorities
• Create broad school-related deliverables/outcomes for ACHD as an organization and align with ACHD priorities
• Focus on strategic approach to all ACHD’s work with schools and how to prioritize efforts
Goals for year one

• Connect with schools
• Compile results of our school survey
• Complete the school health inventory
• Create and coordinate an Internal School Task Force
Healthy Kids Colorado Survey

• Timeline
  • Superintendent Letter
  • Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment & Colorado School of Public Health recruitment letters and a link to the 2023 survey
  • Dr. Weidenbach meeting with prioritized schools
  • Engage others to influence participation
• Talking Points
  • Identify health disparities
  • Evaluate interventions
  • Guide policy decisions
  • Inform community planning
  • Raise awareness
• ACHD supports districts with their data
  • Provide analytic support to tailor their data
  • Partner with school administration to identify ways to address youth health priorities
  • Identify grants/funding opportunities
Products utilizing Healthy Kids Colorado Survey data

- Tobacco Use & Its Impact on LGBTQ+ Community
- Thornton Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- Tobacco & Electronic Vapor Product Use in Adams County
- Adams County Fact Sheet
- Tobacco Use in High School
Questions