

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





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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



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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





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