

### Background

Student Health is a collaborative partnership between Education, Health and Wellness, and Children and Youth Services that are developed at the local level. These partners work collaboratively with local agencies to support children and youth with special health support needs. This includes children registered in school programs from Early Childhood Services (including kindergarten) through Grade 12. The primary work of the partnerships is to help schools program for children and youth who have physical, developmental or emotional/behavioural disabilities, or neurological disorders, sensory impairments, or medical conditions to be successful in their school program.

### Goals

The goals of Student Health are:

1. To improve access to integrated health and related services for children and youth with special health and support needs registered in school programs.
2. To enable children and youth with health and support related needs to be successful in their school program.

### How Student Health Partnerships (SHPs) Work

Local Student Health Partnerships consist of school authorities, Alberta Health Services including mental health, and the child and family services authority. These partners work together to develop a joint service plan that identifies how they will respond to the special health needs of students within their partnership. The role of SHP is to enhance the ability of a school to support children and youth with 'student health needs' to participate in their education program. This is achieved with the coordination of supports between agencies who:

1. Collectively identify the range of enhanced supports needed in schools.
2. Collaborate and develop an action plan for delivering services to support the needs identified.
3. Evaluate whether services provided has made a difference for the child and using that data to improve service delivery.
4. Identify and resolve the concerns of parents and their child/youth involved with multiple systems.

### Parents

Please contact your local school administrator or school division office for additional information.

## Questions and Answers

### Q. What students are eligible for student health services?

Children with a special 'student health support need' who are registered with Alberta Education in the Early Childhood Services (ECS) to Grade 12 system are eligible for student health services.

### Q. What types of student health services are available?

The types of services available in each region vary according to the assessed needs, available resources and the service priorities set by the local student health partnership. However, all student health services must focus on improving the child's ability to participate in their education program.

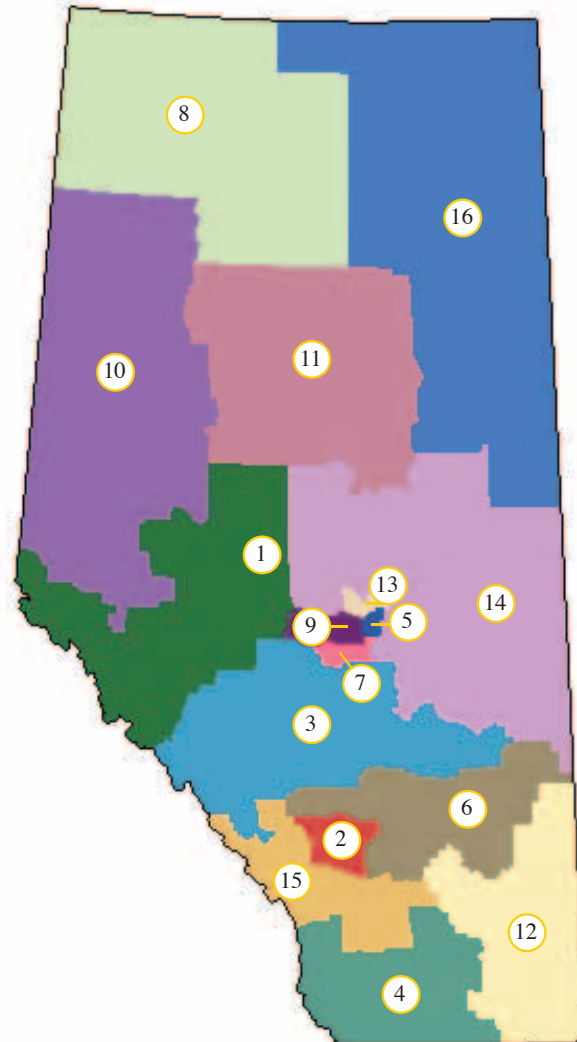
### Q. How do I determine whether my child can receive student health services?

Contact your child's teacher or principal if you feel your child can benefit from additional support to participate in his/her learning program.

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## Student Health Partnerships

1. Aspen Student Health Initiative Partnership
2. Calgary Rocky View Student Health Partnership
3. Central Alberta Student Health Partnership
4. Chinook Country Student Health Partnership
5. Edmonton Student Health Initiative Partnership (ESHIP)
6. Golden Prairie Student Health Initiative Partnership
7. Leduc and Area Student Health Initiative Partnership
8. Northern Lights - Fort Vermilion Student Health Partnership
9. Parkland Evergreen and Area Student Health Partnership
10. Peace Country Student Health Initiative Partnership
11. SHIP 15 Student Health Partnership
12. Southeastern Alberta Student Health Partnership
13. St. Albert and Area Student Health Initiative Partnership
14. TriPartite Student Health Initiative Partnership
15. Westview Student Health Partnership
16. Wood Buffalo Student Health Partnership
17. Francophone Student Health Service Delivery Model\*



\*The Francophone Student Health Service Delivery Model supports the health needs of francophone students across the province. Francophone school authorities also sit as partners in Student Health Partnerships based on their geographic boundaries.