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Southeast High School

Dear Parent or Guardian,

August 1, 2022

Southeast High School is excited to announce the third year of operation for the MCR Health School Based Health Center, offering clinical and counseling services right here on campus in Portables #422 and #423. This work is a partnership of MCR Health, School District of Manatee County, and your school clinic to provide quality health care for students attending Southeast High School. School nursing and emergency services will still be provided as always whether you consent to the School Based Health Center or not. There are over 2,500 School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) in the United States and use of these centers has been linked to improved academic outcomes, such as improved GPAs, attendance, grade promotion, college preparation, and reduced rates of suspensions. This falls right in line with the Manatee County School District Mission of providing education and development to all students today for their success tomorrow.

The existing school clinic staff will continue to manage the day to day oversight of school health. **The School Based Health Center offers clinical and counseling services and will complement the school clinic by being available to all students with a consent on file, including those with no health insurance. Even if your child already has a primary care doctor, he/she can still benefit from our health services should a problem arise in school.**

*For your child to receive health services in the School Based Health Center **located in the portables on campus**, a parent or legal guardian must read, complete, and sign the application package/consent forms that are attached. Utilization of the SEHS School Based Health Center is optional.

"All student information will be protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, a US law designed to provide privacy standards to protect patients' medical records and other health information provided to health plans, doctors, hospitals and other health care providers."

Southeast High School is the first school to have a School Based Health Center in Manatee County and realizes that healthy students are the future of tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Ginger Collins
Principal

*Due to different regulatory requirements, you will need to duplicate some information on the MCR Consent for Services and the School Based Health Center Consent for Services. The good news is that this information will stay on file throughout your child's stay at SEHS.



SEHS School Based Health Center Program Description

What is a School Based Health Center?

A school-based health center is a shared commitment between a community's schools and health care organizations to support students' health, well-being, and academic success by providing preventative, early intervention, and treatment services where students are - which is at school.

Students can be treated for acute illnesses, such as flu, and chronic conditions, including asthma and diabetes. They can also be screened for dental, vision and hearing problems. With an emphasis on prevention, early intervention and risk reduction, school-based health centers counsel students on healthy habits and how to prevent injury, violence and other threats.

Why are we partnering with MCR Health?

For 40 years MCR Health has upheld the definition of community by embracing diversity and providing health care to our community and assisting those in need by collecting supplies for school children, hosting an annual holiday toy drive for underprivileged children, sponsoring sports teams, and civic clubs. MCR Health is a private, nonprofit medical group providing family practice, pediatrics, OB/GYN, behavioral health, vision, dental and many other services. They are one of the largest, most diversified Federally Qualified Health Centers in the southeastern U.S. **MCR Health accepts most private insurance, Medicaid, and has a sliding fee scale for those that are eligible and don't have insurance.**

How will this center work?

- You must complete the consent/application forms, which are available at the administration front desk, guidance desk, school clinic, portable #423, or on the SEHS website. Your student can bring the completed paperwork to the main office, ATTN: School Based Health Center, or to portable #423.
- **You or your child may contact the SBHC at 941-741-3366 or 941-245-0057, and schedule appointments for physicals, immunizations, required sports physicals, or other associated health and mental concerns once we have consents on file.** The SBHC will also have a schedule of when the MCR Health vision and dental van will be here so you can schedule these appointments ahead of time, and request a consent for these services.
- **The School Based Health Center hours will be Monday through Friday 7:00am – 4:00pm when school is in session.**
- If your child is feeling sick or injured at school, they will continue to go to the School Clinic, and the current Department of Health School Nurse or Medical Technician will determine if your child would benefit from further care and follow up at the School Based Health Center. If you have a consent on file, they will refer your child directly to the MCR Health SEHS School Based Health Center, Portable #422, and any necessary treatment and prescriptions will be provided. If your child does not have a consent on file for the School Based Health Center, the school clinic staff will follow their current procedure.
- **The School Based Health Center does not take the place of your child's regular doctor** and joining the program does not mean you are changing your child's doctor. You will be encouraged to have any needed follow up care with that physician and a summary of your child's visit at the School Based Health Center can be sent to your child's doctor. If your child does not have a regular doctor, then the staff and SBHC can serve in that role. If your child is already a patient of MCR Health, you will still have to sign consents to utilize the SEHS School Based Health Center.