



Dear Metro Students and Families,

Metro Care Connection is a collaborative school and community based effort focused on removing barriers to learning. We offer expanded school based health services to students in the Cedar Rapids Community School District during regular school hours. Metro High School is fortunate to have not only a regular health office to help with day to day health concerns but in addition, we are also a Metro Care Connection (MCC) School-Based Health Clinic site. Other MCC clinics are located at Jefferson High School and Kennedy High School.

Our health centers offer free health care to students without access to affordable health insurance or a primary care provider. MCC follows privacy guidelines of both HIPAA and FERPA. An official notice of privacy practices can be obtained at our clinic or on our website. Each health center is staffed by a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP). When the PNP is in the clinic we can provide:

- Physical examinations and immunizations
- Treatment for minor illness (examples: headache, ear infection, strep throat)
- Basic laboratory tests
- Prescriptions for minor illness
- Health education and counseling
- Referral for more complex medical conditions

In order to receive medical care at one of our Metro Care Connection School Based Health clinics, students under the age of 18 must have a completed consent form signed by a parent or guardian. If a student over 18 is still living with their parent/guardian, we encourage them to complete the paperwork. **We are not able to give any medications or treat any illness without this signed consent form.** If you wish to have Metro Care Connection Health services available to your student, please **complete/sign** the Health Care Consent Form and return it to Metro High School. A new consent is required every year.

For questions and or concerns please contact us in the Metro High School Clinic at 558-2272. During summer months you may contact our MCC Program office at 558-2481.

Thank you,

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