

# Seattle World School Teen Health Center

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Dear Parents or Guardians of Seattle World School students:

## Your child can now receive health care right at school!

There is a School-Based Health Center located in the building and available to all students of the Seattle World School. The Health Center is sponsored by **International Community Health Services (ICHS)** and its partner **Neighborhood House**, with additional funding from the City of Seattle's **Families and Education Levy**. Medical and mental health professionals from ICHS provide services and consultations; additional health center staff include health educators, patient navigators, and a clinic care coordinator who all work together to provide a variety of services to support your child's health, wellbeing, and academic success.

The services that the health center offers your child include (but are not limited to):

- Quality care on-site by a Licensed Medical or Mental Health Provider
- Appointments during and after school
- Physical exams and health assessments (including sports physicals and other routine exams)
- Immunizations and medications
- Diagnosis and treatment of illness and injuries
- Assessment and counseling related to mental health
- Nutrition consultations
- Reproductive health care
- Preventive health care including health education activities
- A healthcare home, including coordination of additional care at other clinics with the same services
- Referrals to other healthcare providers
- Dental exams, x-rays and cleanings

**Each student must provide full parental consent in order to receive comprehensive services.** Parental consent requires completion of the attached registration form and the signature from the student's legal guardian. Public insurance plans, such as Medicaid, generally cover the entire fee for your student's services at the health center. However, if you have private insurance your plan may not cover the entire cost of care and insurance rules may require that ICHS bill for some out-of-pocket expenses. However, no students will be denied services because of the inability to pay.

We are proud to be able to provide high quality school-based healthcare to students. We believe this is a unique opportunity for students to learn how to care for their health. Join us in this effort!

Please complete and sign the attached consent form and return it to the Seattle World School Teen Health Center. Feel free to stop in and meet the clinic staff or call if you have questions about the clinic and its services!

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## Please sign consent on other side

**Seattle World School Teen Health Center**  
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## ICHS School-Based Health Centers Consent for Health Services

School-based health centers located in Seattle Public Schools must have a signed consent from a parent or legal guardian before providing services to youth, except in situations where federal and/or state laws allow youth to access such treatment without parent/guardian consent. If the youth is enrolled in school but is not enrolled in a School-Based Health Center (SBHC), they can continue to receive school nurse services.

**I hereby request and authorize that:**

**Print Youth's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  

First Name
Middle Initial
Last Name
Birthdate

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Graduation year:** \_\_\_\_\_

receive healthcare services available from and deemed necessary by the staff of the SBHC . These services include, but are not limited to, mental health counseling, routine medical exams, dental services (including exams, x-rays, and cleanings), sports physicals, well-teen care, evaluation and treatment of acute illness and injuries, immunizations, blood studies, photographs and x-rays. Consent is also given for referral of care and if needed, emergency transportation to other providers, healthcare professionals, hospitals, clinics, or healthcare agencies as deemed necessary by the Center and its staff. This authorization does not allow services to be rendered without the youth's consent unless they are unable to provide consent.

When consent is provided for care, all information is kept confidential, except in the following circumstances:

1. The client gives permission through a signed release of information
2. If they indicates a risk of imminent harm to self and others.
3. They have a life threatening health problem and are under the age of 18 years.
4. There is a reason to suspect abuse or neglect.
5. Certain communicable diseases must be reported to public health authorities.

Consent is given to share necessary information with the healthcare providers at the SBHC, including exchange of information between the mental health therapist, medical provider and the School Nurse, for the purpose of providing the best care for the above-named student. To facilitate coordination of care, the student's School Based Health Center medical record will be accessible to International Community Health Services staff at the SBHC.

Students may also receive medical services independently at one of ICHS' medical clinics. Consent is given for services to be received at any ICHS medical and dental clinics. To schedule appointments or get more information, please call 206-788-3700.

Consent for services is authorized for the length of time the youth is enrolled in Seattle World School. I may choose to withdraw the consent at any time by writing to the Health Center.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Relationship of Legally Responsible Guardian (print): \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Under Washington State law, youth may independently access reproductive health care at any age without parent/guardian consent (RCW 3.02.100(1 and 2)). They may independently receive drug and alcohol services and mental health counseling from age thirteen (RCW 70.96A.095, RCW 70.96A.0097, RCW 71.34.530, and RCW 71.34.500) and care for STDs from age fourteen (RCW 70.24.110) without parent/guardian consent. The School-Based Health Center encourages each youth to involve their parents or guardians in healthcare decisions whenever possible.

If necessary, the SBHC will inform youth of options of and assist youth in accessing outside care. The SBHC will assist the youth in discussing these situations with parents/guardians.

Youth's consent is legally required for release of information about the following kinds of diagnoses and treatment: pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases (including HIV/AIDS testing), and alcohol and drug or mental health counseling.