

Wellness HUBs

MISSION

Integrating health and education to empower students and families to be healthy and ready to learn.

GOALS

- Increased collaboration between community agencies and schools
- Decrease in unmet healthcare needs of students
- Promotion of healthy lifestyle choices through comprehensive health education
- Increased school attendance, increased 3rd Grade Reading rate, increased high school graduation rate



WHY: If students are healthy and receiving healthcare, they are more likely to be in school learning and performing better academically.

WHAT: Wellness HUBs provide wholistic healthcare services including education, physical (primary/urgent care), oral (dental screenings and sealants), and mental (counseling and preventative services). Each school within the HUB will have a dedicated space for HUB staff & partners to provide on-site care & services to students and families, and may also include community members.

Care may include: well care visits, immunizations, diagnosis and treatment of illness and injury, infections, sports physicals and integrating dental, vision and mental healthcare and health education.

Wellness HUBs integrate neighboring school districts, local public health resources and community healthcare partners to meet student healthcare needs by bringing services to them, AT THE SCHOOL.

WHO: Wellness HUBs are formed through partnerships between school districts, the InterMountain ESD and existing agencies already working in communities such as public health agencies, care coordinators, mental health providers and safety resources.

Each Wellness HUB is staffed by a Health Nurse Coordinator employed by the IMESD who works closely with schools and community partners. The coordinator integrates health services, provides care and facilitates health education.

WHERE: There are currently Wellness Hubs in Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties available to thousands of students at multiple school districts.

MORE INFORMATION: Visit the IMESD website at <http://www.imesd.k12.or.us/wellness-hubs> or contact Mary Apple, IMESD Assistant Superintendent, 541-966-3129, mary.apple@imesd.k12.or.us.