



Health Priorities for Denver Public Schools



June 2014

DPS Health Agenda

BACKGROUND

- Led by the DPS Health Advisory Council
- Input from more than 1,200 stakeholders
- Launched in fall 2010
- Addresses 8 areas of Coordinated School Health
- Includes health goals for:
 - STUDENTS
 - staff
 - families



PROGRESS TO DATE

Select Accomplishments



(Goal 1b) Now 59 schools are offering “breakfast after the bell,” compared to 9 schools prior to the Health Agenda.

(Goal 2b) Increased moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in physical education classes to a minimum of 50%.

(Goal 4a) 94% of schools delivered a suicide prevention curriculum to 6th & 9th graders, compared to 15% prior to the Health Agenda.

(Goal 5c) More than \$6 million was raised to add 5 Denver School-Based Health Centers by fall 2015.

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(Goal 7) DPS launched **the you revolution** and hired a staff wellness coordinator to support the health and wellness of employees.

(Goal 8) Multicultural Outreach and Language Services launched health promotion through “Educa,” the DPS Spanish talk radio program and newspaper.

(Goal 9b) > 50 schools and 17,000 students participated in the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey in both 2011 and 2013.

CHALLENGES



- Time constraints and competing demands for schools
- Some goals did not have clear metrics
- Large system (currently 185 schools)
- Focus on portfolio approach (school autonomy)

NEXT STEPS

- Student engagement and broad stakeholder input for development of DPS Health Agenda 2020
- Ongoing data collection and evaluation
- Continued fund-raising from diverse sources
- Collaboration with community partners and surrounding school districts toward common interests
- Alignment with the next DPS strategic plan (The Denver Plan); the “Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child” model; and the latest research, including Dr. Charles Basch’s “most educationally relevant health factors”



DRAFT Denver Plan 2014

1. COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS: By 2020, DPS will dramatically increase the number of students who graduate prepared for success in college and career.

- By 2020, the four-year graduation rate for students who start with DPS in 9th grade will increase to 90%.
- By 2020, 40% of DPS students will graduate with at least one year of college credit.

2. SCHOOL READINESS: By 2020, DPS will increase the preparedness of children in grades preschool through third to build a critical foundation for their future success.

- By 2020, 80% of DPS 3rd-graders will be at or above grade level in reading and writing.

3. SUPPORTING THE WHOLE CHILD: By 2020, DPS will provide school environments that support and encourage students to pursue their passions and interests and to build and strengthen the character traits needed to succeed in life.

- By 2015, DPS will work with the Board of Education to establish a measure to track progress against this goal.

4. ACHIEVEMENT GAP: By 2020, DPS will dramatically accelerate the achievement of our lowest-performing kids towards eliminating the achievement gap while raising the bar for all students.

- By 2020, the graduation rate gap for African American and Latino students will decrease by half.
- By 2020, the proficiency gap in reading and writing for 3rd-grade African American and Latino students will decrease by half.

5. GREAT SCHOOLS IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD: By 2020, DPS will dramatically increase the quality of schools available in every neighborhood.

- By 2020, 80% of the students in every region within DPS will attend a blue or green school, as defined by the district's school performance framework (SPF).

WHOLE SCHOOL, WHOLE COMMUNITY, WHOLE CHILD



Areas being heavily considered for DPS Health Agenda 2020



- Vision
- Asthma
- Oral Health
- Physical Activity
- Breakfast
- Sexual Health
- Social-Emotional Health
- School Climate
- Substance Use

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