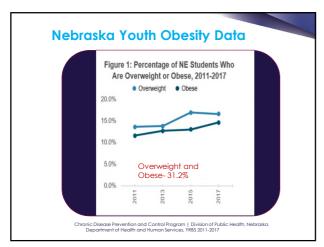


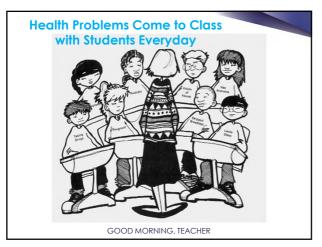


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Why Should Schools Pay Attention to Student Health?









## Why Mental Health?

Preschool-to-Prison Pipeline:

Without early intervention and support, children will continue to struggle and the challenges they face will multiply. Kids who are suspended or expelled from school are more likely to drop out and more likely to end up in the criminal justice system. Children with disabilities are more than twice as likely to be suspended as children without disabilities. Often the disability is an emotional disturbance and underlying mental health issue.

U.S. Department of Education (2013-2014).

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# Critical Health Risks for Young People in Nebraska

- Unintentional injuries
- Violence
- Alcohol/tobacco and other drug use
- Sexual risk behaviors
- Mental Health concerns
- Physical inactivity
- Poor eating habits
- Asthma

www.cdc.gov/healthyandacademics

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# Health Problems Perpetuate The Educational Achievement Gap



"No matter how well teachers are prepared to teach, no matter what accountability measures are put in place, no matter what governing structures are established for schools, educational progress will be profoundly limited if students are not motivated and able to learn. Health related problems play a major role in limiting the motivation and ability to learn..."

"To the doctor the child is a typhoid patient,

To the playground supervisor, a 1<sup>st</sup> baseman,

To the math teacher a learner of arithmetic.

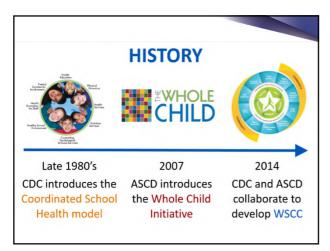
At times he may be different things to each of these, but rarely is he/she a WHOLE child to any of them."

From the 1930 report of the White House Conference on Children and Youth

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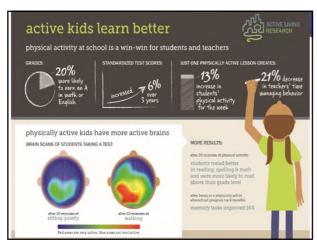


# Places the child at the center Takes a comprehensive approach to supporting learning and health Calls for greater collaboration across sectors

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### THE WSCC MODEL IN ACTION A framework that Leadership Community can be modified and Policy adapted to meet the unique needs of Needs Time districts, schools, and communities. Assets Resources **Priorities** Engagement Culture









"Health and Education are symbiotic allies serving the same child, in the same building and community. Health and education are aligned, not one versus the other."

World Health Organization (WHO)

