

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

All schools and/or districts should strive toward establishing a Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) team to enhance student health outcomes and academic achievement. Research has proven that healthy children are better learners.

**Definition**

WSCC is a model developed by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and ASCD (formerly the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development). This enhanced model builds upon aspects of the CDC's familiar Coordinated School Health (CSH) model and the Whole Child framework from the ASCD. This comprehensive approach to school health improves student's health and their capacity to learn through support of families, communities, and schools working together through prevention and intervention. The work of this team may include the wellness policy design, implementation and monitoring as required by US Department of Agriculture. Each local education agency (LEA) that participates in the USDA National School Lunch Program or other federal Child Nutrition programs is required by federal law to establish a local school wellness policy for all schools under its jurisdiction. Schools and school districts should use the WSCC model to achieve goals outlined in school continuous improvement plans and school wellness policies, and integrate it into a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS).

**AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCE:**

16 V.S.A. §136– Wellness program

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/16/001/00136>

Vermont Agency of Education, Education Quality Standards (2014)

[http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-FinalEQS\\_AsAdopted.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-FinalEQS_AsAdopted.pdf)

**SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLE:**

- Collaborate with administration/staff, VDH Office of Local Health ( School Liaison), students and community members to establish a WSCC team. This may also function as a health and wellness team.
- Use Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) funds to assist in the development of a WSCC team.
- Participate on or serve as the coordinator of a WSCC team in your school or district. School nurses may represent one or more of the ten WSCC domains.

**RESOURCES:**

- ASCD, Learning and Health. (2016). *Getting Started* [WSCC] <http://www.ascd.org/programs/learning-and-health/wsc-implementation.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/wsc/index.htm>  
<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/index.htm>
- Chiang, R. J., Meagher, W., & Slade, S. (2015). How the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model Works: Creating Greater Alignment, Integration, and Collaboration Between Health and

Education. *Journal of School Health*, 85(11), pp. 775-784.  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/josh.12308/full>

- Educating the Whole Child- <http://www.wholechildeducation.org/assets/content/mx-resources/WholeChild-MakingTheCase.pdf>
- Hunt, P. B. (2015). A Whole School Approach: Collaborative Development of School Health Policies, Processes, and Practices. *Journal of School Health*, 11, pp. 802–809.  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/josh.12305/full>
- School Connectedness: [http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/protective/school\\_connectedness.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/protective/school_connectedness.htm)
- School Health Index developed by CDC & available at:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/shi/index.htm>
  - Elementary School: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/shi/pdf/elementary-total-2014.pdf>
  - Middle and High School: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/shi/pdf/middle-high-total-2014.pdf>
- Vermont Agency of Education and Department of Health
  - <http://education.vermont.gov/documents/edu-whole-school-whole-community-whole-child.pdf>
  - Vermont School Wellness Policy Guidelines)
  - <http://education.vermont.gov/documents/edu-vt-school-wellness-policy-guidelines.pdf>
  - VT Standards Board for Professional Educators 5440-65 School Nurse Revised (3/20/13)  
[http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Rule-5440\\_Supplement\\_A\\_Licensing\\_Endorsements.pdf#page=118](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Rule-5440_Supplement_A_Licensing_Endorsements.pdf#page=118)
- Vermont Department of Health; School Health <http://healthvermont.gov/local/school/index.aspx>
  - Youth Risk Behavior Survey- <http://healthvermont.gov/research/yrbs.aspx>
- Vermont Agency of Education – VT Standards Board for Professional Educators 5440-65 School Nurse Revised (3/20/13) [http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Rule-5440\\_Supplement\\_A\\_Licensing\\_Endorsements.pdf#page=118](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Rule-5440_Supplement_A_Licensing_Endorsements.pdf#page=118)

#### SAMPLE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND FORMS:

WSCC Resources: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/wsc/index.htm>

Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child, Oral Health Toolkit  
<http://www.astdd.org/school-and-adolescent-oral-health-committee/> (the toolkit is located midway down the page)