

School Based Health Care

Challenges

- To reduce travel, cost, and time barriers related to health care access for rural children
- To take full advantage of existing school nurses and collaborating physicians to expand reach
- To keep children healthy, in school, and ready to learn

Benefits

- 6,000 children will receive health care through virtual school-based health centers
- School absences reduced
- Parent pickups avoided
- Travel burdens reduced for parents, school personnel, and providers
- Increased percentage of children receiving follow-up care

Solution

- Deploy Cisco® TelePresence® technology at all 14 Bedford County Schools locations
- Collaborate with local physicians to provide primary care to children in schools via video technology
- Expand school staff reach to provide services such as counseling to more children while reducing loss of productive time to travel and travel expenses.



Bedford County Schools use interactive video technology to provide health care to students in schools through Project iACHE (increasing Achievement through a Cadre of Healthy Environments).