

VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

TITLE: Providing or Arranging for Provisions of Medical & Dental Services for Students

POLICY NUMBER: SH06

Policy Statement: The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind may provide or arrange for the provision of routine medical and/or dental services for students after admission with parent/guardian permission.

Procedure:

1. The VSDB nursing staff will review all medical documentation upon receiving it. Parents/guardians will be responsible for taking the student for follow-up care such as further treatment, immunizations, and other examinations/referrals. The parent/guardian will be encouraged to complete follow up care in a timely manner and provide documentation of ongoing or completed services.
2. Annually, parents/guardians complete and sign a *Permission to Treat* form for routine and emergency medical, dental, and mental health care.
 - a. The *Permission to Treat* form provides student and parent/guardian contact information, medical issues/concerns, current daily and/or emergency medications, allergies, and dietary needs.
 - b. The *Permission to Treat* form includes a list of acknowledgements for parents/guardians to review, initial and sign. The *Permission to Treat* form is on file in the Student Health Center.
 - c. Parental/guardian consents are valid for one year from the date signed, and may be revoked in writing at any time.
3. Parents/guardians are encouraged to consult their child's healthcare provider, if an illness or injury is not an emergency. Students that are not a risk for communicable disease may wait to see his or her own healthcare provider.
4. A student with a communicable disease will not be accepted to VSDB unless a licensed healthcare provider certifies that VSDB is capable of providing care to the student without jeopardizing the health and well-being of students and staff. VSDB must be aware of the required treatment for the student and the procedures to protect students and staff. VSDB adheres to the Virginia School Health Guidelines regarding selected infectious diseases VAC 22.1-272.

Rescission:

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