

VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

TITLE: *Student Sexual Health*

POLICY NUMBER: SH12

Policy Statement:

The Code of Virginia 54.1-2969 states that a minor will be deemed an adult for the purpose of consenting to health services needed to determine the presence of or to treat venereal and sexually transmitted diseases, and also for services required in the use of birth control, pregnancy, family planning, or abortion. The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind nursing staff will report any infections or contagious disease to the Virginia Department of Health that the State of Virginia Board of Health requires.

22 VAC 54.1-2969 Student Sexuality
22 VAC 42-11-700 Face Sheet

Procedure:

The Student Health Center nurses and Family Life education instructors will discuss and provide information about sexual health topics with students. The Student Health Center staff may also request counseling services from the local Community Services Board, local Health Department, social workers, guidance counselors, or school psychologists for students when appropriate.

If a student, regardless of age, requests information about birth control/family planning, pregnancy, venereal disease/sexually transmitted infections, and/or abortion, the staff member will refer the student to the Student Health Center.

The SHC staff will:

1. Complete an initial interview with the student and encourage the student to talk with their parent/guardian. At the student's request, SHC staff may assist with initiating the conversation and subsequent support for the student and family.
2. Students wishing to obtain information and/or services, are referred to outside agencies such as the local Health Department, private healthcare provider's office, or other healthcare facilities. The employees at the VSDB will not assist students to obtain an abortion.
3. SHC staff may assist in the provision of transportation for the student to an off-campus medical facility and arrange interpreting services for those students who may require them.
4. SHC staff will notify the student and/or the parent/guardian (as appropriate) that they are responsible for the payment of any off campus medical care received, that is related to testing and care for pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and birth control/family planning.
5. The SHC staff will follow-up with student after any testing or procedure as needed.
6. The SHC staff may arrange for transportation for pregnant students to receive prenatal care.
7. A face sheet shall be placed in the front of the student's medical file that will include the date of expected delivery, and the names and contact information for her healthcare provider and the medical facility to be used for delivery.

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