

## VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

**TITLE:** *Substance Abuse*

**POLICY NUMBER:** SH 13

### **Policy Statement:**

Employees at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind will seek immediate, emergency medical attention for students that are suspected of using/ingesting a harmful substance or overdosing.

VAC54.1-2969 Minor will be deemed an adult for the purpose of consenting to medical or health services needed in the case of outpatient care, treatment or rehabilitation for substance abuse as 37.2-100

### **Procedure:**

1. Any employee at the VSDB who observes or suspects that a student has ingested a harmful substance or has taken an overdose of medication should immediately contact the nurse in the SHC.
2. If the student is conscious, he/she should be accompanied to the Student Health Center by a VSDB employee. If the student is unconscious, 911 should be called for immediate transportation to the local hospital and the SHC should be notified. The VSDB nursing staff will notify the VSDB contract physician, the student's parent/guardian, Poison Control, the VSDB Superintendent, and other school staff as indicated.
3. Any container that may have held the harmful substance or medication must be brought to the SHC and/or taken to the local hospital.
4. Any employee that witnessed the incident will need to prepare a written report on the same day of the incident and provide it to the Director of Student Health Services and the Superintendent.

**Rescission:**

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