

AFSA High School

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District 4074

517 TELEHEALTH PLAN AND PROCEDURES POLICY

I. PURPOSE

- A. To maintain compliance with Minnesota Department of Human Services telemedicine/telehealth requirements. To provide an on-going system of accountability for best practice for telemedicine/telehealth. Through the use of telemedicine/telehealth, providers can provide flexibility; increase access, and continuity of care in the school.

II. PLAN

- A. Beginning October 1, 2024, to the extent space is available, the school district must provide an enrolled secondary school student with access during regular school hours, and to the extent staff is available, before or after the school day on days when students receive instruction at school, to space at the school site that a student may use to receive health care through telehealth from a student's licensed health provider. A secondary school must develop a plan with procedures to receive requests for access to the space.
- B. The space must provide a student privacy to receive health care.
- C. A student may use a school-issued device to receive health care through telehealth if such use is consistent with the district or school policy governing acceptable use of the school-issued device.
- D. A school may require a student requesting access to space under this section to submit to the school a signed and dated consent from the student's parent or guardian, or from the student if the student is age 16 or older, authorizing the student's licensed health provider to release information from the student's health record that is requested by the school to confirm the student is currently receiving health care from the provider. Such a consent is valid for the school year in which it is submitted.

III. EMERGENCY AND CRISIS PROCEDURES

- A. If a student presents with a medical emergency during a telehealth session, the provider will contact local emergency services (911) and notify the parent/guardian.
- B. If a student is in immediate mental health crisis (e.g., suicidal ideation), the provider will follow established school mental health crisis protocols, including notifying parents/guardians and emergency services if needed.

IV. PARENTAL/GUARDIAN COMMUNICATION

- A. Parents/guardians will be notified of services provided unless confidentiality laws prevent disclosure.
- B. Providers will encourage parental involvement while respecting student confidentiality.

V. EVALUATION AND MONITORING

- A. Telehealth services will be reviewed annually for effectiveness and compliance.
- B. Feedback from students, parents, and providers will be collected and used to improve services.

VI. LEGAL AND ETHICAL COMPLIANCE

- A. This policy will comply with HIPAA, FERPA, and Minnesota state laws regarding student health and privacy.

VII. POLICY APPROVAL AND RENEWAL

- A. This policy will be approved by the school board and reviewed annually for updates based on legal changes and program feedback.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 121A.216 (Access to Space for Mental Health Care Through Telehealth)