

**Policy Statement #3905 (Students) of the Board of Education  
Regarding Student Access to Telehealth Appointments in Schools**

I. Purpose

- A. To enhance student health and wellbeing by increasing access to behavioral healthcare services within the middle and high school environments during the school day.
- B. To integrate telehealth services in the school that foster a healthy environment, support students' educational and emotional wellbeing, and minimize students' time away from academic instruction and school activities.
- C. To establish and communicate to Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) students, parents, and employees the procedures and guidelines for supporting student participation in telehealth appointments in middle and high schools.

II. Definitions

- A. Confidentiality – assurance that school system officials protect personally identifiable information (PII) and do not disclose or transmit records related to students or the PII contained therein to unauthorized parties
- B. Informed Consent – The process by which a parent/guardian is given all necessary information about a proposed activity, program, or service involving their child, such as medical treatment, educational assessments, or participation in research, and voluntarily agrees to it.
- C. Parent/Student-Initiated Telehealth: These are telehealth services between a student and a health care practitioner external to the school, where the LEA has no formal agreement with the health care provider.
- D. Telehealth – a mode of delivering health care services through the use of telecommunications technologies by a health care practitioner to a patient at a different physical location than the health care practitioner.

III. Policy Statement

- A. The Board is committed to supporting student health through essential services that can positively impact academic performance and overall student wellbeing. Middle and high school students will have access to behavioral health telehealth appointments during the school day as long as all criteria are met.

IV. Standards

- A. Students in grades 6-12 will have access to parent/student – initiated behavioral/mental health telehealth appointments during the school day.
- B. Telehealth appointments require the consent and presence of a parent/guardian.

- C. All CCPS employees supporting telehealth appointments will comply with the legal requirements for confidentiality.
  - D. Schools will choose a location that ensures privacy of telehealth appointments.
  - E. The Superintendent/designee will develop a Telehealth Procedures Manual that will provide guidelines for schools, parent/guardians, students, and healthcare providers.
  - F. Reference to this policy, its accompanying procedures, and manual will be made in the Students' Rights, Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct.
- V. Delegation of Authority
- A. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state, and federal laws and regulations, and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.
- VI. Exceptions
- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board may vote by majority to temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state, and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VII. Review
- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of three years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.
- VIII. Effective Date
- A. This policy is effective December 11, 2025.

#### Citations

State Law: House Bill (HB) 522 – Public Schools – Telehealth Appointments – State Guidelines, Policies; Md. Ann. Code, Education Article, §4-143

State Reg.:

Federal Law: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. §1232g (1974).

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

#### Other Citation:

#### Related Policy

2718 Responsible and Appropriate Use of Computer Systems and Other Electronic Communication

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