ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING, INC.
BOARD POLICY MANUAL
POLICY GROUP – SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY – CONSENT FOR MENTAL SERVICES
RELATED SAFETY CODE REFERENCE: FFB – STUDENT WELFARE: CRISIS INTERVENTION

Section 1. Purpose of Policy

Through this policy, the Board of Directors (hereafter, the "Board") of Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. doing business as Academy of Accelerated Learning (hereafter, the "School") shall establish requirements for parental notice and consent before the School provides mental health services to a student. The School shall respect the parent's or guardian's right to make decisions concerning the student's mental, emotional, and physical health while maintaining appropriate student safety and emergency response procedures.

Section 2. Applicability

This policy applies to School operations, students, parents and guardians, counselors, social workers, nurses, administrators, contracted providers, and other people authorized by the School to provide or coordinate school-based mental health services.

Section 3. Definitions

- Mental health services means structured services intended to assess, support, influence, or treat a student's mental or emotional health, including counseling, psychological or psychiatric examination or testing, psychological or psychiatric treatment, and comparable services provided by Academy personnel or a contracted provider.
- General student support includes ordinary educational interactions, general caregiving, staff inquiries about a student's daily well-being, academic advising, classroom management, and facilitation of communication between a student and the student's parent or guardian.
- Emergency means circumstances in which immediate action is reasonably necessary to protect a student or another person from an imminent threat of serious harm.

Section 4. Prior Written Consent

Except as otherwise permitted or required by law, the Academy shall obtain active, informed, written consent from a student's parent or guardian before the student receives a health-care service or participates in an activity for which prior consent is required by Texas Education Code § 26.009, including a psychological or psychiatric examination, test, or treatment. Consent shall identify the authorized service or activity, the anticipated provider when known, the purpose and general scope, and the period for which consent remains effective. A general handbook acknowledgment or blanket consent shall not substitute for service-specific consent when

specific consent is required. A parent or guardian may limit or revoke consent in writing, subject to services already provided and applicable law.

Section 5. Annual Notice and Parent Rights

Before the first instructional day of each school year, the Academy shall provide each parent or guardian written notice of every health-related service offered at the student's campus and shall state the parent's right to withhold consent for or decline a health-related service, as required by Texas Education Code § 26.0083(g). The Academy shall also notify a parent regarding changes in services provided to or monitoring of the student related to the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being as required by law. Health-related services governed by notice and the right to decline shall not be treated as requiring active opt-in consent unless another law requires prior consent.

Section 6. Routine Support and Referrals

Nothing in this policy prevents an employee from offering general student support, asking about a student's immediate well-being, encouraging the student to communicate with a parent or guardian, facilitating that communication, or referring the family to community resources. When a student may benefit from services requiring consent, the Academy shall notify the parent or guardian and provide information sufficient for an informed decision.

Section 7. Screenings, Surveys, and Assessments

Before administering a well-being questionnaire, health screening form, psychological or psychiatric examination or test, or other instrument for which prior parental consent is required, the Academy shall provide the parent or guardian any legally required information or opportunity for review and shall obtain active, informed, written consent. The Academy shall apply the specific consent rule governing the instrument and shall not use a general handbook acknowledgment, an all-opt-in process for services governed only by notice and a right to decline, or an all-opt-out process for services requiring active consent.

Section 8. Emergency and Safety Exceptions

In an emergency, employees may provide or arrange reasonable emergency care and take necessary action to protect a student or another person, contact emergency medical services or law enforcement, implement the School's suicide prevention or threat assessment procedures under Board Policy PG-8.007, Crisis Intervention and Threat Assessment, and notify the parent or guardian as soon as practicable. This policy does not limit legally required threat assessments,

mandatory reports, child abuse or neglect reports, emergency interventions, or other actions required or authorized by law. The School shall not characterize non-emergency services as emergency care to avoid an applicable consent requirement.

Section 9. Confidentiality and Records

Consent forms, service records, referrals, parent communications, screening materials, and related documentation shall be maintained and disclosed in accordance with applicable federal and state confidentiality, education-record, health-record, and the School's records-retention requirements. Records containing personally identifiable student information shall be protected in accordance with FERPA and applicable state confidentiality requirements. Access shall be limited to persons with a legitimate educational or legal need.

Section 10. Administrative Responsibility

The Superintendent/CEO or designee may adopt procedures and forms necessary to implement this policy, including annual notices, service-specific consent forms, revocation procedures, emergency protocols, staff training, referral procedures, and recordkeeping. Administration shall periodically review available mental health services and forms for consistency with current law and agency guidance and shall coordinate implementation with Board Policy PG-8.007, Crisis Intervention and Threat Assessment, Board Policy PG-8.006, Medical Treatment and Emergency Health Services, the student handbook, the emergency operations plan, and applicable campus procedures.

Section 11. Legal Review

This policy is drafted for use by the School and shall be reviewed by legal counsel before final adoption. Administration shall complete all adoption fields and update related notices, consent forms, handbooks, emergency operations documents, and campus procedures before implementation. If a conflict exists between this policy and applicable law, the law controls.

Section 12. Legal References

- Texas Education Code § 26.001, parental rights concerning a child's education and medical, psychiatric, and psychological treatment.
- Texas Education Code § 26.0083, notice concerning student health-related services and changes in services or monitoring related to mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being.

- Texas Education Code § 26.009, active, informed parental consent for specified activities and services, including psychological or psychiatric examination, testing, or treatment.
- Texas Education Code Chapter 38, applicable student health and safety requirements.
- Texas Education Agency, Updated SB 12 Guidance: Required Parental Rights Form and Right to Health-Related Services Information, September 11, 2025.
- Texas Education Agency, SB 12 Frequently Asked Questions, September 2025.
- Texas Education Agency, Model Language to Comply with Senate Bill 12 and Texas Education Code §§ 26.0083 and 26.009, updated June 18, 2026.
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and 34 C.F.R. Part 99.