

Confidential Medical Services Procedure

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Confidential Medical Treatment: In compliance with E.C. 46010, it is TAS policy that, "School authorities may excuse any pupil in grades 7-12 from school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the parent/guardian." This policy is an addendum to the TAS "Parent-Student Handbook."

- a. Minors have a statutory right to consent to medical care related to pregnancy, pregnancy prevention, including contraceptive services, and other reproductive health services including pregnancy termination. This right applies to all youth and not just pregnant and parenting teens, and means that minors may receive confidential medical services as described above without the knowledge or consent of their parent/guardian.
- b. The student shall meet with the designated staff member to request approval to leave campus for confidential medical care. The staff member shall confirm the appointment and complete and issue a Permit to Release Child During School Hours (blue form).
- c. The student shall sign out at the time of departure and sign in upon his/her return. The student shall be informed of their responsibility to obtain and provide proof of treatment or appointment.
- d. A student's absence, when released from school, shall be recorded on PowerSchool as "PAE" (Period Absent Excused) on their attendance record for the period of absence, in coordination with the designated staff granting the release from school.
- e. It is recommended that the designated staff member follow up with the student as necessary.
- f. Schools may NOT require that students obtain written parental permission prior to releasing them from school to receive confidential medical services and may NOT notify parents/guardians when students leave school to obtain such services.
- g. Any written verification regarding confidential medical services shall not appear in students' school records and shall be kept in a separate confidential file in the health office or designated location.
- h. If a student with a confidential medical condition is experiencing an emergency, the school will call the emergency services and allow the proper medical professionals to attend to the student.