

## School Health Services Parent Consent FAQ and Related Information

December 21, 2021

### 1. What services does the requested parental consent cover?

The services traditionally provided by St. Johns County school nurses, including first aid, nursing assessment, health appraisal, meeting emergency health needs, nutrition assessment, referral of students to appropriate health treatment, health counseling and emergency treatment.

### 2. What services are not covered by the requested consent?

- Invasive screening or procedure (COVID-19 testing, blood draw, vaccinations, etc.)
- Preventative health care
- Medication administration
- Mental health counseling
- Therapy (physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc.)
- Other services that have traditionally required specific direction and consent (administration of medication, medical procedures, medical management of chronic health conditions, etc.)

### 3. Why require a consent for the school nurse and school clinic now?

The District is requesting the consent at this time to comply with the Parents' Bill of Right as interpreted by the Florida Department of Health.

### 4. Will students receive emergency treatment if parents decline to sign the release?

Yes. In the event of a medical emergency, school nurses and staff will respond appropriately as necessary to protect the student's health and safety given the circumstances of the emergency. The school will contact the parents, or in their absence, the student's emergency contacts on file with the school so that they can make the necessary care and treatment decisions.