

## Health Policy/Referrals

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### **PURPOSES:**

- To provide a consistent policy for dealing with situations which arise when students present with problems requiring attendance at:
- Family planning clinics
- Out-patient hospital appointments
- STD clinics
- General practitioners
- Without parental consent or knowledge.

Note: the student will be encouraged to speak with their parents/guardians or significant adult for advice, assistance and support..

### **GUIDELINES:**

When a student reports to nurse/counsellor/dean requesting permission to attend one of the above clinics, etc, during school hours, the following procedures should be used.

In the case of requests for non-urgent treatments - appointments should be made outside school hours if possible.

For cases requiring immediate medical treatment permission may be given by the nurse and appointments made as required. If these need to be during school hours every endeavour will be made to encourage students to advise parents.

The student concerned will report back to the nurse after the appointment for a note which may be used if requested/required to explain their absence. The nurse will also discuss the treatment with the student and offer any support required.

All off-site health/medical appointments must be recorded in kamar as per usual procedures.

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

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