

Policy for Provision of Behavioral Health Services to Students

When requested by a student's parent or legal guardian, Morris Jeff Community School will allow a certified and insured behavioral health provider to provide services to students currently enrolled at a Morris Jeff school site during the school hours provided that the following conditions are met:

-The parent or legal guardian has presented to the school a behavioral health evaluation performed by a qualified and certified evaluator as defined by Louisiana Act 696. The evaluation must indicate that the services are necessary during school hours to assist the student with behavioral health impairments that the evaluator determines are interfering with the student's ability to thrive in their current educational setting. The parent or guardian agrees to cover the entire cost of these services although they are provided during the school day and on the school site. Please note that this evaluation does not automatically provide the information needed to determine if a student meets the established criteria for eligibility for special education and related services;

-Behavioral Health Provider shall mean a provider who is licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health or a health profession licensing board and is in good standing to provide behavioral health services in Louisiana including but not limited to psychiatrist, psychologist, medical psychologist, licensed specialist in school psychology, marriage and family therapist, professional counselor, clinical social worker, or a behavioral health provider organization licensed to provide behavioral health services in Louisiana (Act 696);

-The Behavioral Health Provider must provide the school with proof of general liability insurance coverage in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 per aggregate and provide a certificate of insurance naming the organization as the certificate Holder;

-The Behavioral Health Provider must, at their own expense, complete a criminal background check conducted by the Louisiana State Police;

-The Behavioral Health Provider must comply with and abide by the terms of any Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Section 504 Individualized Accommodations Plan (IAP), Behavior Management Plan (BIP) or Individualized Health Plan (IHP) applicable to a student who is a patient of the provider. The services furnished by the provider must also be incorporated into a written treatment plan applicable to the student.

-The Behavioral Health Provider must agree to provide written updates to the school regarding a student's progress and student/school safety concerns at least quarterly.

-The Behavioral Health Provider must agree to follow all school rules, regulations and policies as outlined in the Parent & Student Handbook, Orleans Parish School Board policies, and all other applicable local, state, and federal laws governing charter schools. Failure to do so will result in immediate sanctions including suspension, removal from the school site or other actions as determined by the school.

In order to request that behavioral health services be provided to a student during school time, parents or guardians must follow these steps:

1. Submit a copy of a behavioral health evaluation to the school
2. Execute a “Consent to Release Information” form between the provider and the school
3. Attend an orientation meeting with the school and provider to establish service provision parameters and supports as well as determine a schedule for service that is in the best interest of the student

Once approved, the provider may begin service provision within 10 days of receipt of all necessary documents and agreements.

If a parent or guardian has a question or concern regarding behavioral health service provision, please reach out to the school principal, director of counseling, or Head of School for assistance.