

BELLE CHASSE ACADEMY

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES POLICY FOR STUDENTS

A. Definitions:

For purposes of this Policy, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "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 a 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.

(2) "Behavioral health services" shall include but not be limited to individual psychotherapy, family psychotherapy, psychotropic medication management, community psychiatric support and treatment, and crisis intervention.

(3) "Evaluator" shall mean a licensed psychiatrist, psychologist, medical psychologist, licensed specialist in school psychology, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, or clinical social worker who is certified by the respective board of examiners in Louisiana to provide necessary evaluations and who is not an employee of the public school governing authority or the state Department of Education.

(4) "Behavioral health evaluation" shall include, but not be limited to, the following criteria:

- (a) Diagnosis.
- (b) Type of intervention.
- (c) Length of intervention.
- (d) Identification of a student's goals.
- (e) Identification of impact of student behavior on a student's educational program.

B. Behavioral Services Provisions:

(1) Belle Chasse Academy will allow a behavioral health provider to provide behavioral health services to a student at school during school hours in accordance with this Policy, if the student's parent or legal guardian requests such services from the provider.

(2) A behavioral health provider who provides services pursuant to this Policy shall maintain at all times general liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than one million dollars per occurrence and one million dollars per aggregate and before providing such services at school shall provide to BCA's School Leader/CEO a certificate of insurance naming Belle

Chasse Academy, Inc. as the certificate holder

(3) A behavioral health provider shall complete a criminal background check conducted by the Louisiana State Police, shall pay all related costs, and provide for submission of such check to BCA's School Leader/CEO before providing any behavioral health services at the school.

(4) Behavioral health services shall be permitted during school hours if the student's parent or legal guardian presents a behavioral health evaluation performed by an evaluator chosen by the parent or legal guardian and the evaluation indicates 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 the educational setting. A behavioral health evaluation presented by the parent or legal guardian of a student shall not be construed as an independent educational evaluation for purposes of determining if a student meets the criteria established for eligibility for special education and related services.

(5) Behavioral health services may be provided during instructional time in English, reading, mathematics, and science if the School Leader/CEO (or Designee) and the behavioral health provider agree that it is in the best interest of the student.

(6) No contract or an exclusive agreement shall be made with a behavioral health provider that prohibits the parent or legal guardian from choosing the behavioral health provider for the student.

(7) The cost of all behavioral health services provided to a student shall be the sole responsibility of the parent or legal guardian, individually or through an applicable health insurance policy, Medicaid, or other third-party payor (other than Belle Chasse Academy, Inc.), that has made funds available for the payment for the services provided.

(8) While on school campus, a behavioral service provider shall comply with, and abide by, the terms of any Individualized Education Plan, Individualized Accommodation Plan, Section 504 Plan, Behavior Management Plan, or Individualized Health Plan applicable to a student who is a patient of the provider. The services furnished by a provider shall be incorporated into a written treatment plan applicable to a student, which plan shall be submitted to BCA's School Leader/CEO (or Designee).

(9) The parent or legal guardian of a student receiving services from a behavioral service provider shall be required to execute a "consent to release information form" between the provider and Belle Chasse Academy, Inc.

(10) A behavioral health provider shall submit to BCA's School Leader/CEO a written

report related to the student's progress and student and school safety concerns as related to the student's educational program. The times for submitting such reports shall be included in the student's written treatment plan and as approved by BCA's School Leader/CEO (or Designee).

(11) Belle Chasse Academy, Inc. may terminate a provider's authorization to provide services on the school campus for failure to comply with this Policy.

C. Disclaimer:

Nothing in this Policy shall be construed to supersede the authority of a student's Individualized Education Program Team or Section 504 Committee to determine appropriate services for a student pursuant to applicable federal and state law.

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