Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School Policy O4: School Nurse Policy Adopted: August 31, 2022

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School, to implement the requirement of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-771.2, establishes a school health nurse program for the school.

The program will be staffed by licensed health care professionals and others whose duties will be set forth in job descriptions to be prepared by the School Leader and approved by the Governing Board.

The School Leader shall be responsible for developing other regulations, which may be necessary, in combination with the job descriptions, to implement this program. These regulations shall comply with any and all rules implemented by the State Board of Education, the Department of Human Resources, or any other state agency with jurisdiction or authority over any aspect of services to be provided or which may be provided to students under the above referenced code section.

Subject to approval by the Board, services to students under this policy may be provided through contracts or agreements with the Health Department, with private health facilities or agencies or by school employees.

All employees performing services under this policy shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-773, specifically, none of the following health services shall be provided to public school students pursuant to this policy: 1) Distribution of contraceptives; 2) Performance of abortions; 3) Referrals for abortions; or 4) Dispensing of abortifacients.