
Office of General Counsel

Policy 5140 Students Participating in Telehealth Appointments

To: All Staff

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On July 17, 2025, the Board adopted new Policy 5140 Students Participating in Telehealth Appointments. The Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §4-143 mandates that public schools allow students to participate in telehealth appointments during the school day, with specific requirements for each county Board of Education to establish a policy and procedures for this mandate by the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The new policy outlines the procedures and guidelines for supporting student participation in telehealth appointments in middle and high school, including providing private spaces with internet access for these appointments and ensuring student safety and privacy. The policy will be included in the student handbook, and school staff, parents, and students will be informed about the policy's goals and requirements.

The changes are effective immediately. The policy and implementation procedures in their entirety can be accessed on [BoardDocs](#) and the [HCPSS website](#).

Thank you for your attention to this update.

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