For a planned medical, dental, mental health, therapy, or other appointments during the school day, students/parents must inform the school nurse prior to the absence. Immediately upon returning to school, the student must submit a valid medical excuse, signed by the medical care provider, to the school nurse. Only the school nurse or designated School Official may schedule in-town appointments for students. The school nurse is responsible for coordinating any needed student transportation to in-town medical appointments.

Upon return to the campus from a local medical appointment, the student must notify the nurse immediately and the student's medical folder must be left at the residence hall office or given to the nurse. Failure to comply will result in unexcused absences given for the day.

The nurse may prescribe or authorize restrictions to student activities, such as confinement to the residence hall room for a period of time because of concern for the student's recovery as well as concern for the school community as a whole. Failure or refusal to observe these restrictions will result in a reversal of the excused status for classes missed during that period of time and the application of a disciplinary sanction.

Meals will be provided for students who have been restricted to the residence hall due to sickness.

The nurse does not have the authority to excuse absences during final examination periods.

The nurse does not have the authority to excuse an absence after the class has been missed.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to make routine medical/dental appointments at home over the LSMSA break periods to minimize the loss of class time.

Since the school does not have the facilities to care for students so sick that they cannot attend classes, and/or who require close monitoring due to prolonged illness, parents/guardians may be asked to pick up and keep their child home until he/she is well enough to attend classes.

When a student is returning to campus from home as a result of illness, the parents/guardians must contact the student's student life advisor and school nurse so that the absence can be recorded as excused and medical verification of fitness to return to school can be reviewed and documented.