2017-2018 Adopted Procedures for Referring Students to the School Nurse, Intervention Specialist, or Project Reach for Sexual Health Services:

Process for a referral from School Staff to Sexual Health Service (SHS) providers:

Nurses, Intervention specialists, and Project Reach Staff who are credentialed mental health professionals may provide students with a list of SHS providers.¹ School staff must be sure to let the student know that the District does not endorse or specifically recommend any one provider.

3 Step Process for staff for referring students to the School Nurse, Intervention Specialist, or Project Reach for Sexual Health Services:

A teacher or staff member who is approached by a student inquiring about reproductive health services or asking questions about sexual health issues will:

1. Immediately refer that student to either the school nurse, intervention specialist, or project reach staff member who is a credentialed mental health professional.

2. After two days, the referring teacher or staff member will follow up with the school nurse or the credentialed intervention specialist/project reach in writing to ensure that the student has been seen.

3. If the student has not been seen, the nurse or the credentialed intervention specialist/project reach will follow up with the student.

All teachers and staff understand that a referral for sexual health services is confidential and will not share student information with anyone but the nurse or credentialed intervention specialist.

¹ In accordance with Texas Education Code §38.016 (c)(2).