Medical Power of Attorney

SHS does not require or request a Medical Power of Attorney for your student. A medical power of attorney is a document that allows a person to appoint someone they trust to make decisions about their medical care if they are not able. It typically is most useful in a hospital setting only. If you choose to get one and have it notarized, we recommend that you and your student keep a copy on your phones so that it accessible if it is ever necessary.

Emergency Contacts

When students register with SHS, they are asked to provide emergency contact information. If an emergency were to occur at SHS, our staff will contact the emergency contact provided by the student.

Medical Record Release

While many parents have asked SHS about a “HIPAA form” to obtain medical information about their student, SHS cannot release student medical information without a student’s explicit written consent. All medical records are strictly confidential and are protected by federal and state laws, as well as professional ethics. Student records also are covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). SHS honors the privacy of our student-patients and as such, we can only release their medical information to parents with the explicit written permission of the student on a case-by-case basis.