UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: DENTAL CLINIC

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916. DENTAL CLINIC

1. Purpose

The operation of a dental clinic, under the direction of the Dental Careers Program teacher, is established to provide actual experience in chair-side dental assisting and recordkeeping experience for students enrolled in the Dental Careers Program while addressing the need for public dental health clinic services and education, as identified by the Bucks County Department of Health.

2. Guidelines

Routine dental examinations and indicated maintenance and restoration services are provided by a licensed dental practitioner, assisted by Dental Careers students.

Services are provided to students of the areas served by the three (3) home school districts upon recommendation and can be referred by a school nurse from one (1) of the participating home schools. Services may be extended to other out-of-district preschool and school-age residents. Services may also be extended to adults within the sending communities to offer additional student educational experiences.

Services are performed within the clinical area of the Dental Careers Program on a schedule during normal student attendance hours. The schedule is administered by the Dental Careers Program.

In the event that a substitute is needed, the students should be properly monitored by a qualified substitute so as to assure that the clients are receiving the proper care. Examples of a qualified substitute would be a certified dental assistant, EFDA (Expanded Functions Dental Assistant), or hygienist.

Whenever possible, dental services shall be provided by local dentists donating their time for the betterment of the community. If necessary, services of a dentist may be reimbursed on a reasonable and customary hourly basis. Expenses incurred in procuring the services of an attending dentist, and supplies to operate the dental clinic, shall be billed to each of the three (3) home districts based proportionately on the number of students served from that district. The home districts, in turn, may submit these actual expenses, along with all other actual dental expenses, to the Department of Health in accordance with law.

	<u>Fees</u> Fees for dental care services shall be determined annually by the Joint Operating Committee. Payment of these fees shall be the responsibility of the family of each patient. However, no student will be denied necessary dental care because of the inability of the family to pay this fee. All monies realized from fees collected will be returned to the dental budget for purchasing consumables to be used for training and in clinic. References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1850.1