

# Southern Local Schools

*The Mission of Southern Local Schools is to Provide an excellent student-centered environment that prepares all students to become active learners and responsible citizens.*

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Dear Parents:

The Southern Local School District is excited to announce the launch of our Telehealth initiative for our students. We are one of 15 schools in the Muskingum Valley region to benefit from this grant funded program to increase counseling access. The initiative is a partnership between BroadbandOhio, InnovateOhio, the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center and school districts like ours.

Here's how the program works:

1. When a student comes to the office, the school secretary will determine the need for a Telehealth appointment.
2. When Visit is needed, the school secretary will contact the student's parent/guardian to inquire about the desire/approval for a Telehealth visit.
3. If approved by the parent or guardian, the school secretary will contact the Telehealth provider and will begin the process to begin the appointment.
4. The intake packet will be provided to the parent/ guardian for completion. It includes the consent for service and release of information.
5. Once the intake packet is completed, a diagnostic assessment is scheduled when the parent/guardian is included. A treatment plan is then developed for the student and approved by the parent/guardian.
6. The clinician then schedules ongoing treatment with the student.
7. During the Telehealth session, the district representative will assist the student with the technology to ensure quality interaction between the student and service provider.
8. Once the appointment is over, the provider will summarize the visit for the district representative and let them know when the student is able to return to class.
9. After the visit, the provider will follow up with the student's parent/guardian to provide an after-visit summary.
10. The provider will coordinate follow-up care, or ongoing treatment with the district representative and parents/guardians.

The school-based Telehealth Counseling Program is not designed to take the place of your family's counseling services. It is an additional option available for students, while they are at school.

Again, we are excited to launch this new program! Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,  
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