

## **Accommodating Students with Seizure Disorders or Epilepsy**

The district will develop and follow an individual health plan for each student with a seizure disorder or epilepsy. Each individual health care plan will include an individual emergency plan element. The health plans will be updated annually and when a licensed health care provider provides updated orders.

The board of directors shall designate a professional person licensed under chapter 18.71, 18.57, or 18.79 RCW as it applies to registered nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners, to consult and coordinate with the student's parents and health care provider, and to train and supervise the appropriate school district personnel in proper procedures for care of students with seizure disorders or epilepsy to ensure a safe, therapeutic, learning environment. Training required may also be provided by a national organization that offers training for school nurses and school personnel to manage students with seizure disorders or epilepsy.

In addition to adhering to the requirements of each individual health care plan, for the general care of students with seizure disorder or epilepsy, the district will:

- A. Acquire necessary parent requests and instructions for treatment.
- B. Acquire monitoring and treatment orders from licensed health care providers prescribing within the scope of their licensed authority.
- C. Provide secure storage for medical equipment and medication provided by the parent.
- D. Establish school policy exceptions necessary to accommodate students' needs related to seizure disorders or epilepsy, as described in the individual health plan.
- E. Ensure the development of individual emergency plans.
- F. Ensure the possession of legal documents for parent-designated adults to provide care, if a parent-designated adult is utilized.
- G. Ensure each individual health plan is updated annually and when licensed health care providers update orders.
- H. Ensure each student's individual health care plan will be distributed to appropriate staff based on the student's needs and the staff contact with the student.

Parents of students with seizure disorders or epilepsy may designate an adult to provide care for their student consistent with the student's individual health care plan. At parent request, school district employees may volunteer to be a parent-designated adult under this policy, but they will not be required to participate.

"Parent-designated adult" means a parent-designated adult who is not licensed under chapter 18.79 and: (A) Volunteers for the designation; (B) receives additional training from a health care professional or national epilepsy organization selected by the parents; and (C) provides care for the student consistent with the individual health plan.

A parent-designated adult may be a school district employee. To be eligible to be a parent-designated adult, school employees will file a voluntary, written, current, and unexpired letter of intent stating their willingness to be a parent-designated adult. Parent-designated adults who are school employees are required to receive training in caring for students with seizures from the district school nurse, from a parent-selected health care professional, or appropriate personnel from a national epilepsy organization that offers seizure training and education for school nurses and other school personnel. If a school district employee who is not licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW chooses not to file a letter under this section, the employee may not be subject to any employer reprisal or disciplinary action for refusing to file a letter.

Parent-designated adults who are not school employees are required to show evidence of comparable training and meet school district requirements for volunteers. Parent-designated adults must receive additional training from a parent selected health care professional or national epilepsy organization. The parent-designated adult must provide care consistent with the student's individual health plan. The district and district school nurse (RCW 18.79.260) are not responsible for the supervision of procedures authorized by the parents and carried out by the parent-designated adult.

The district, its employees, agents, or parent-designated adults who act in good faith and in substantial compliance with a student's individual health care plan and the instructions of the student's health care provider will not be criminally or civilly liable for services provided under [RCW 28A.210.355](#).

Cross References:

5630 - Volunteers  
3416 - Medication at School  
2162 - Education of Students with Disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Legal References:

**42 U.S.C. §§ 12101** et seq. Americans with Disabilities Act  
**RCW 28A.210.350**  
**RCW 28A.210.355**  
**RCW 18.79.260**  
**RCW 18.79**  
**RCW 18.71**  
**RCW 18.57**

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