

Accommodating Students with Diabetes

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 parents and health care provider, and train and supervise the appropriate school district personnel in proper procedures for care for students with diabetes.

The district shall provide an individual health plan for each student with diabetes, subject to the following conditions.

- Each individual health care plan shall include an individual emergency plan element.
- The health plans shall be updated annually, and when licensed health care providers provide updated orders
- Acquire parent requests and instructions for treatment.
- Acquire monitoring and treatment orders from licensed health care providers prescribing within the scope of their licensed authority.
- Provide sufficient and secure storage for medical equipment and medication provided by the parent.
- Permit students with diabetes to perform blood glucose tests, administer insulin, treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, with easy access to the necessary supplies, equipment and medication necessary under their individual health care plan. This includes the option for students to carry the necessary supplies, equipment and medication on their person and perform monitoring and treatment functions wherever they are on school grounds or at school sponsored events.
- Permit students with diabetes unrestricted access to necessary food and water on schedule and as needed, and unrestricted access to bathroom facilities. When food is served at school events, provision shall be made for appropriate food to be available to students with diabetes.
- School meals shall not be withheld from any student for disciplinary reasons or nonpayment of fees. The charge for the meal will be billed to the parent and collected consistent with district policies.
- Parents and health care providers of students with diabetes will be provided with a description of their student's school schedule to facilitate the timing of monitoring, treatment, and food consumption.
- Each student's individual health care plan shall be distributed to appropriate staff based on the student's needs and the staff member's contact with the student.

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- Update the individual health plan annually and when the licensed health care provider provides updated orders.

Parents of students with diabetes may designate an adult to provide care for their student consistent with the student's individual health care plan.

- The district will have legal documentation for parent-designated adults to provide care.
- A parent-designated adult is a volunteer, who may be a school district employee, who receives additional training from a health care professional or expert in diabetic care selected by the parents, and who provides care consistent with the individual health plan.
- At parent request, school district employees may volunteer to be a parent-designated adult under this policy. To be eligible to a school district employee not licensed under RCW 18.79 shall file, without coercion by the employer, a voluntary written, current, and unexpired letter of intent stating the employee's willingness to be a parent-designated adult. If a school employee who is not licensed under RCW 18.79 chooses not to file a letter under this section, the employee shall not be subject to any employer reprisal or disciplinary action for refusing to file a letter.

The board of directors shall designate professional person licensed under chapter 18.71, 18.57, or 18.79 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 train and supervise the appropriate school district personnel in proper procedures for care for students with diabetes. Training may also be provided by a nationally certified diabetes educator. Parent-designated adults who are school employees are required to receive this training. Parent-designated adults who are not school employees shall show evidence of comparable training and meet school district requirements for volunteers. Parent-designated adults shall receive additional training from a parent-selected health care professional or expert in diabetic care to provide the care requested by the parent. The Superintendent or designee is not responsible for the supervision of procedures authorized by the parents and carried out by the parent-designated adult.

When the district has an enrolled diabetic student/s the district will provide inservice training for school staff on symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of a student with diabetes that may be needed during school transportation, the school day, and during school sponsored events.

The district, its employees, designates 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

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student's health care provider shall not be criminally or civilly liable for services provided under chapter 350, Laws of 2002.

Cross References:

Board Policy 2162 Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
Board Policy 3416 Medication at School
Board Policy 3520 Student Fees, Fines and Charges
5630 Volunteers

Legal References:

Ch. 350, Laws of 2002
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
PL 101-336 Americans with Disabilities Act
RCW 28A.210.330
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