



Students - Series 3000

Accommodating Students with Diabetes - 3419

The Superintendent directs that a district School Nurse will:

- Consult and coordinate with the parent and health care provider of a student with diabetes to develop an individual health care plan that includes an emergency plan element. The individual health care plan shall be updated at least annually or more frequently as needed.

- Train and supervise the appropriate staff in the care of students with diabetes.

Parents of a student with diabetes 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 (PDA) under this policy, but they shall not be required to participate. Parent-designated adults who are school employees shall 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 diabetes from the School Nurse. Parent-designated adults who are not school employees are required to show evidence of comparable training and meet school district requirements for volunteers. **All** parent-designated adults must receive additional training from a parent-selected health care professional or expert in diabetic care for the additional care the parents have authorized the parent-designated adult to provide. The additional care is addressed in the individual health care plan and may include procedures that cannot be delegated by the School Nurse. The School Nurse is not responsible for the supervision of procedures authorized by the parents and carried out by the parent-designated adult.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for implementing this policy which include:

- A. Acquiring necessary parent requests and instructions for treatment.
- B. Acquiring treatment and monitoring orders from licensed health care providers prescribing within the scope of their prescriptive authority.
- C. Arranging for storage of medical equipment and medication provided by the parent.
- D. Permitting students to perform blood glucose tests, administer insulin, and treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia with easy access to the necessary supplies, equipment, and medication identified in the 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.

- E. Accommodating the student's needs to eat whenever and wherever necessary, have easy, unrestricted access to water and restroom use, and have provisions made for parties at school when food is served.
- F. Providing assurance that school meals shall not be withheld for disciplinary reasons or nonpayment of fees.
- G. Providing, on request, parents and health care providers with a description of their student's school schedule to facilitate the timing of food consumption, blood glucose testing, treatment, and related activities.
- H. Distributing each student's individual health care plan to appropriate staff based on the student's needs and the staff level of contact with the student.

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 shall not be criminally or civilly liable for services provided to students with diabetes under RCW 28A.210.330.

Cross References: Board Policy 2162 Education of Students with Disabilities under
Section 504
3416 Medication at School
3520 Student Fees, Fines, Charges
5405 Volunteers

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210.330 Students with Diabetes – Individual Health Plans
RCW 28A.210.340 Students with Diabetes – Training for School Staff
RCW 28A.210.350 Students with Diabetes – Compliance with
Individual Health Plan --Immunity
RCW 18.79 Nurse Practice Act

OSPI Bulletin No. 61-02, "Children with Life-Threatening Conditions"
and "Diabetic Students"

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