

Accommodating Students with Diabetes

The building nurse is appointed to:

- A. Consult and coordinate with the parent/guardians and health care providers of students with diabetes; and
- B. Train and supervise the appropriate staff member(s) in the health care of students with diabetes.

The district will develop and follow an individual health plan for each student with diabetes. Each individual health care plan will include an individual emergency plan element. The health plans will be updated annually, and more frequently as needed.

Parents/guardians of students with diabetes may designate an adult to provide care for their student consistent with the student's individual health care plan. At parent/guardian request, staff members may volunteer to be a parent-designated adult under this policy, but they will not be required to participate.

Parent-designated adults who are staff members 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 staff members are required to receive training in caring for students with diabetes from a nationally certified diabetes educator.

Parent-designated adults who are not staff members are required to show evidence of comparable training, and meet district requirements for volunteers. Parent-designated adults will receive additional training from a parent-selected health care professional or expert in diabetic care to provide the care requested by the parent/guardian. The building nurse is not responsible for the supervision of procedures authorized by the parents/guardians and carried out by the parent-designated adult.

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

- A. Acquire necessary parent/guardian 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 sufficient and secure storage for medical equipment and medication provided by the parent/guardian;

- D. Permit students with diabetes to perform blood glucose tests, administer insulin, and treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia by providing unrestricted access to the supplies, equipment medication, and food necessary under the student’s 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. Permit students with diabetes unrestricted access to necessary food and water as needed and unrestricted access to bathroom facilities. When food is served at school activities/ events, provision will be made for appropriate food to be available to students with diabetes;
- F. School meals/snacks will not be withheld from any student for disciplinary reasons. Students with diabetes will not miss meals because they are not able to pay for them. The charge for the meal will be billed to the parent/guardian or adult student and collected consistent with district policies;
- G. Parents/guardians 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; and
- H. Each student’s individual health care plan will be distributed to appropriate staff members based on the student’s needs and the staff member’s contact with the student.

The district, its staff members , 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.210.330](#).

Cross References:

- 5630 - Volunteers
- 3520 - Student Fees, Fines, or Charges
- 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. 12101et seq. Americans with Disabilities Act
- RCW 28A.210.330 Students with diabetes -- Individual health plans -- Designation of professional to consult and coordinate with parents and health care provider -- Training and supervision of school district personnel

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