

CONCRETE SCHOOL DISTRICT #11
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DIABETES PROCEDURE

PROCEDURE

I. Individual Health Plan (IHP)

All students known to have diabetes must have an IHP in place at school. The plan must be distributed to appropriate staff, and must include the following information:

1. Provisions for the storage of medical equipment and medication provided by the parent;
2. Provisions for the student to perform tests and treatments anywhere on school grounds including in the classroom and at school-sponsored events, to have easy access to necessary supplies and equipment, and to carry necessary supplies and equipment on his or her person;
3. A description of the student's school day schedule for the timing of meals, snacks, blood sugar testing, insulin injections, and related activities;
4. An individualized emergency care plan that plans for both a health emergency for the student and a school disaster preparedness plan;
5. Legal documents allowing a parent-designated adult (PDA) to provide care, if the parent has designated such a person.
6. Any parent requests and instructions, as well as orders from Licensed Health Care Providers (LHCP).
7. 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 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.

If the student needs medications/treatments while at school, a LHCP order form must be completed.

The IHP must be updated at least annually, or more frequently if necessary.

II. Food and Drink

Students with diabetes must be allowed to eat or drink whenever or wherever necessary, including on the bus or in other areas where food and drink are generally prohibited. Students with diabetes must have unrestricted access to water and bathroom use. Food or water shall never be withheld as a disciplinary action or because of nonpayment of fees.

The charge for the meal will be billed to the parent or adult student and collected consistent with district policies.

III. Parent-Designated Adult (PDA)

A PDA 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 for the student consistent with the student's IHP.

To be eligible to be a PDA, a school employee who is not a licensed nurse must file a voluntarily written letter of intent with the school nurse. The letter must be dated, and shall be valid for not longer than one year. An employee who is not a licensed nurse and who wants to act as a PDA must file a valid letter of intent each year. No employee who refuses to file such a letter shall be subject to reprisal or disciplinary action. No employee may be coerced into filing such a letter.

A non-employee may become a PDA by filing a letter of intent with the school nurse and completing the non-school employee training as outlined below.

PDA's must receive training as indicated below.

Parents and LHCP 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.

The school nurse is not responsible for the supervision of the PDA for those procedures that are authorized by parents.

IV. Training School Employees

In-Service Training – In schools attended by diabetic students, all school employees must undergo an inservice training on symptoms, treatment, monitoring of students with diabetes, and on the additional observations that may be needed in different situations that may arise during the school day and during school-sponsored events.

Specific Training – All school employees who have responsibility for diabetic students must complete training in proper procedures for care of students with diabetes. The school nurse will offer such training. Such training must include information on individual students' IHP requirements, as well as information on symptoms, treatment and monitoring of students with diabetes.

The school nurse shall train school employees.

V. Training – PDA’s

PDA’s who are school employees must undergo both the *inservice* and the *specific* trainings, as outlined above. PDA’s who are not school employees must show evidence of comparable training. Additionally, all PDA’s must receive training from a health care professional or expert in diabetic care selected by the parents. This additional training is required to allow the PDA to provide the additional care the parents have authorized the PDA to provide.

VI. Indemnity

State law provides that a school district, school district employee, agent, or PDA who, acting in good faith and in substantial compliance with the student’s IHP and the instructions of the student’s LHCP, provides assistance or services under RCW 28A.210.330 shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in his or her individual or marital or governmental or corporate or other capacities as a result of the services provided under this law.

Reference:

RCW 28A.210.330.350

Cross References: Board Policy 3416 Medication at School

Board Policy 3415 Diabetes Policy

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