

Accommodating Students with Diabetes

Directors of programs that provide direct service to students in ESD facilities shall work with the Director of Health Services, or the Director's designed, to:

- A. Consult and coordinate with the parents and health care providers of students they serve that have diabetes; and
- B. Train and supervise the appropriate employees in the care of students with diabetes.

ESD 112 shall 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 of students with diabetes may designate an adult to provide care for their student consistent with the student's individual health care plan. At a parent's request, ESD employees may volunteer to be a parent-designated adult under this policy, but they will not be required to participate.

Parent-designated adults who are ESD 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 employees are required to receive training in caring for students with diabetes from an individual approved by the Director of Health Services, or from a nationally certified diabetes educator.

Parent-designated adults who are not ESD employees are required to show evidence of comparable training, and meet ESD 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. ESD program employees and assigned nurse are not responsible for the supervision of procedures authorized by the parents and carried out by the parent-designated adult.

In addition to adhering to the requirements of each individual health care plan, program directors or the Director of Health Services designee 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 sufficient and secure storage for medical equipment and medication provided by the parent;
- D. Permit students with diabetes to perform blood glucose tests, administer insulin, and treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia by providing 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 on ESD property or at ESD

sponsored events;

E. 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 ESD events, provision will be made for appropriate food to be available to students with diabetes;

F. Program provided meals 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 or adult student and collected consistent with ESD policies;

G. 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; and

H. Each student's individual health care plan will be distributed to appropriate employees based on the student's needs and the employee's contact with the student.

ESD 112 will not be responsible for the supervision of procedures authorized by the parent and carried out by a parent-designated adult.

ESD 112, 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.210.330.

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

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

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