

STUDENTS

Catheterization

The board authorizes that qualified staff provide for clean, intermittent bladder catheterization (CIC) for students of assisted self-catheterization by staff in conformance to rules adopted by the State Board of Nursing.

Catheterization is permitted under the following conditions:

1. A parent, legal guardian, or other person having legal control over the student file a written, current and unexpired request that the district provide for the catheterization of the student.
2. A licensed physician of the student file a written, current and unexpired request that catheterization of the student be provided for during the hours when school is in session or the hours when the student is under the supervision of school officials.
3. A registered nurse provide written, current and unexpired instructions regarding catheterization which states which staff members are designated to provide for catheterization and a description of the nature and extent of any supervision that is required.
4. A staff member who is authorized to provide for catheterization must receive training from a licensed osteopath, physician, practical nurse or registered nurse consistent with the rules of the state board of nursing (licensed practical nurses are exempted for the training requirement).

Pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Nursing, school districts are authorized to provide catheterization for students in accordance with policies adopted by the school board and with the State Board of Nursing rules and instructions provided by a registered nurse. While this new law does not require school districts to provide catheterization, it cautions "that the public school district shall otherwise provide for the catheterization of the student to the extent required by Federal or State law."

If a district provides for catheterization under this law, the staff member performing the catheterization, the school district, the board and the chief administrator are all immune from criminal action or civil damages arising from providing catheterization. Similarly, a district which has been providing catheterization may also discontinue the service without being liable so long as the affected parents and guardians are given advance oral or written notice. Again, the district must continue to comply with State and Federal law regarding provision of catheterization.

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Catheterization - Continued

Cross Reference: [Policy No. 2161](#) Education of Students with Disabling
Conditions

Legal Reference: [RCW 18.88](#) Registered Nurses
[RCW 28A.31](#) Health Measures

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