

CATHETERIZATION

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

Employees who are not licensed nurses and whose job descriptions do not require performing catheterizations may file a written statement of refusal to perform clean, intermittent bladder catheterization. Refusal will not adversely affect the employees job status or be grounds for dismissal.

Catheterization is permitted under the following conditions:

- 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;
- B. Licensed health professional with prescriptive authority 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.
- C. A registered nurse must provide written, current and unexpired instructions regarding catheterization that lists the staff members who are designated to provide catheterization. The extent of supervision will be determined by the school nurse according to the skills of the designated staff member.
- D. A staff member who is authorized to provide for catheterization must receive training from a licensed physician, licensed practical nurse or registered nurse consistent with the rules of the Washington State Board of Nursing.

The district and its staff and the staff member who provides for catheterization in substantial compliance with this policy and the rules of the State Board of Nursing shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages arising from providing catheterization. The district may discontinue catheterization service for a student without being liable so long as the affected parents/guardians are given advance oral/written notice.

Legal References: RCW 28A.210.290

Catheterization of Public & Private
School Students –
Immunity from liability

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