

ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DIABETES: 3415

The District recognizes that students with diabetes shall have a plan of care that includes protocols and accommodations necessary to provide a safe learning environment.

The ESA (Educational Staff Associate) school nurse is appointed to:

- A. Consult and coordinate care with the parents and health care providers of students with diabetes; and
- B. Train and supervise the appropriate staff in the 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 of students with diabetes may designate an adult to provide care for their student consistent with the student's individualized health care plan. At parent request, school district employees may volunteer to be a parent-designated adult under this policy, but they will not be required to participate.

- A. Parent-designated adults who are school employees shall file a voluntary, written, current and unexpired letter of intent stating their willingness to be a parent-designated adult. Parent-designated adults who are school employees are required to receive general staff training in the care of students with diabetes from the ESA school nurse or from a nationally certified diabetes educator.
- B. Parent-designated adults who are not school employees are required to show evidence of comparable training, and meet school district requirements of volunteers.
- C. Parent-designated adults (both school employees and volunteers) shall receive additional training from a parent-selected health care professional or expert in diabetes care to perform procedures and give the care requested by the parent. The ESA school nurse is 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, for the general care of students with diabetes, the District 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 wherever on school grounds or at school-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 school events, provision will be made for appropriate food to be available to students with diabetes;
- F. Ensure that school meals are not withheld from any student for disciplinary reasons. Students with diabetes shall not miss meals because they are unable to pay for them. The charge for the meal will be billed to the parent or adult student and collected consistent with District policies;
- G. Provide parents and health care providers of students with diabetes with a description of their student's schedule to facilitate the timing of monitoring, treatment, and food consumption;
- H. Distribute student's individual health care plan to appropriate staff based upon the student's needs and the staff member's contact with the student.

Cross References:	Administrative Policy – 2162	Education of Students with Disabilities under Section 504
	Administrative Policy – 3416	Medication at School
	Administrative Policy – 3520	Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
	Administrative Policy – 5630	Volunteers

42 U.S.C. §§ 12101et seq. Americans with Disabilities Act
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973