

Accommodating Students with Adrenal Insufficiency

Individual Health Plans

The district will develop an individual health plan for each student with adrenal insufficiency. The plan will include emergency plans, be updated at least annually, and be distributed to the appropriate staff based on the student's needs and staff level of contact with the student.

In developing the individual health plan, the district will acquire parent requests and instructions, and orders from licensed health professionals prescribing within the scope of their prescriptive authority for monitoring and treating adrenal insufficiency at school.

The district may need to provide exceptions to school policies to implement a student's individual health plan. If that's necessary, the exceptions will be described in the health plan.

The district will follow Policy 3416 and 3416P in administering adrenal insufficiency medication, including the proper storage of medical equipment and medication provided by the parent.

Parent-Designated Adults

Parents may assign a parent-designated adult to care for their student.

A parent-designated adult means an adult who is authorized by the parents of a student with adrenal insufficiency to provide care for the child consistent with the student's individual health plan, volunteers to do so, receives additional training selected by the parents, and provides care to the student consistent with their individual health plan. A parent-designated adult may be a district employee.

A parent-designated adult must complete training selected by the student's parents in the proper procedures to care for the student, including administering an emergency injection of corticosteroid during an adrenal crisis, consistent with the student's individual health plan. The training may be provided by an organization that offers training for staff caring for students with adrenal insufficiency or for caretakers of children with adrenal insufficiency.

For a district employee who isn't licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW to be a parent-designated adult, they must voluntarily file a written, current, and unexpired letter of intent stating their willingness to be a parent-designated adult. If an employee who isn't licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW chooses not to file such a letter, the employee may not be subject to reprisal or discipline for refusing to file it.

The district will collect and store legal documents for the parent-designated adult to provide care if necessary.

Immunity

The district, a district employee, or a parent-designated adult shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages for providing assistance or services to a student with adrenal insufficiency under this policy if they acted in good faith and substantially complied with the student's individual health plan and the instructions of the student's licensed health care professional.

Cross References:

3416 - Medication at School
2162 - Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504 of the
Rehabilitation Act of 1973
5630 - Volunteers

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210.260 Public and private schools—Administration of medication—Conditions

RCW 28A.210.350 Student with diabetes, epilepsy or other seizure disorders, or adrenal insufficiency—Compliance with individual health plan—Immunity

RCW 28A.210.358 Students with adrenal insufficiency—Individual health plans—Parent-designated adult