

## **Catheterization**

### **Purpose**

This policy authorizes and describes the conditions under which catheterization services may be provided to students in a school setting.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to the school nurse, administration, district employees, students and parents/guardians.

### **Policy**

1. The Board authorizes that qualified staff provide for clean, intermittent bladder catheterization (CIC) of students or assisted self-catheterization in conformance to rules adopted by the State Board of Nursing.
2. Employees who are not licensed nurses and whose job descriptions do not require performing catheterizations may file a written statement of refusal to perform catheterizations. Refusal will not adversely affect the employee's job status or be grounds for dismissal.
3. Catheterization is permitted under the following conditions:
  - 3.1. The parent or guardian or other person having legal control over the student must file a written, current and unexpired request that the district provide for the catheterization of the student.
  - 3.2. A licensed healthcare professional of the student must 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.
  - 3.3. A registered nurse will 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.
  - 3.4. A staff member who is authorized to provide for catheterization must receive training from a registered nurse consistent with the rules of the State Board of Nursing. Licensed practical nurses are trained to provide catheterization as part of their professional preparation and are not subject to this training requirement.
4. 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 or guardians are given advance verbal and written notice.

**Related Procedures**

3417P1-Catheterization

**Policy Cross References**

2161-Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students

**Policy Legal References**

RCW 28A.210.290 – Catheterization of School Students — Immunity from liability

28A.210.255 – Provision of health services in public and private schools — Employee job description

28A.210.280 – Catheterization of public and private school students

WAC 246-840-820 – Provision for clean, Intermittent Catheterization in schools

**Management Resources**

*Policy News*, June 2003 – Catheterization Policy Update

*Policy News*, December 2003 – Updated Legal References for Catheterization, Facilities Planning and Student Records Policies

**Policy History**

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