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Catheterization

The District will provide for clean, intermittent bladder catheterization (CIC) of students or assisted self-catheterization of students in substantial compliance with the rules adopted by the State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, the instruction of a licensed registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner, and this Policy 3417 and Procedure 3417P.

Catheterization is permitted under the following conditions:

- A. A parent, legal guardian or other person having legal control over the student provides the District with a written, current and unexpired request that the District provide for the catheterization of the student and written permission for the performance of the catheterization procedure by a non-licensed school employee;
- B. A licensed physician of the student provides 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 and written instructions for the procedure;
- C. An advanced registered nurse practitioner or licensed registered nurse provides written, current and unexpired instructions regarding catheterization that includes which staff members are designated to provide for catheterization and a description of the nature and extent of any supervision that is required; and
- D. Any unlicensed staff member who is authorized to provide for catheterization must receive training from a licensed registered nurse consistent with WAC 246-840-820(9).

If the District provides clean, intermittent bladder catheterization of any students, it will document the training given to the employees who perform the services.

Employees (except licensed nurses) who have not previously agreed in writing to perform clean, intermittent bladder catheterization as a specified part of their job description may file a written letter of refusal to perform catheterization. The employee's refusal may not serve as grounds for discharge, nonrenewal or any other action adversely affecting the employee's contract status.

If a District employee provides for catheterization of a student in substantial compliance with this policy, the rules of the State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, and the instructions of a licensed registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner, then the employees of the District, the Superintendent, and the Board will not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages as a result of providing for the catheterization.

The District may discontinue the provision of catheterization of any student, so long as the District has provided the parents/guardians with actual oral/written notice in advance of the date of discontinuance, and the District otherwise provides for the catheterization of the student to the extent required by federal or state law. If that occurs, the District, its employees, the Superintendent, and the Board will not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages as a result of the discontinuance.

Cross Reference: Board Policy No. 2161 Education of Students with Disabling Conditions

Legal References: RCW 28A.210.290 Catheterization of Public and Private school students—Immunity from liability
RCW 28A.210.255 Provision of health services in public and Private Schools – Employee job descriptions
RCW 28A.210.280 Catheterization of public and private school Students
RCW 18.79.290 Catheterization of students-Rules
WAC 246-840-820 Provision for clean, intermittent catheterization in schools

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