

## **ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DIABETES**

The Board recognizes that students with diabetes will 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:

- Consult and coordinate care with the parents and health care providers of students with diabetes; and
- Train and supervise the appropriate staff in the care of students with diabetes by providing annually: general diabetes training for staff indirectly involved with the student and comprehensive diabetes training for staff directly involved with the student (classroom teacher, coach, health room staff, parent designated adults).

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.

- Parent-designated adults who are school employees will 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.
- Parent-designated adults who are not school employees are required to show evidence of comparable training, and meet school district requirements of volunteers.
- Parent-designated adults (both school employees and volunteers) will 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:

- Acquire necessary parent requests and instructions for treatment.
- Acquire monitoring and treatment orders from licensed health care providers prescribing within the scope of their licensed authority.
- Provide sufficient and secure storage for medical equipment and medication provided by the parent.
- Permit students with diabetes to store equipment in an easily accessible site, or carry on their person, the supplies needed to perform blood glucose tests, administer insulin, and treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia as directed by the individualized health care plan during the school day or at school sponsored events.

