



HEALTH CARE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

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1. Students with special health care needs, including those who are technology dependent, shall be referred to the school nurse. Parents, teachers, and administrators are responsible for notifying the school nurse when students with special care needs enroll in school. At this time the school nurse shall obtain information to determine health needs that may occur at school. Physician and Parent Authorization forms for having specialized physical health care services provided are necessary.
2. The school nurse, as the school staff member with the knowledge and expertise in health care management at school, shall develop a plan of care. This plan of care will describe the care that is needed to safely care for the student at school and will be based upon consultation with the student's medical care provider(s), parents/guardians, and the student when applicable.
3. The school nurse will be responsible for teaching and monitoring procedures performed and for evaluating the student's response to care. The nurse will develop a system of documentation validating training, performance, and ongoing supervision of designated personnel. Designated school personnel shall keep a daily log documenting care given and student's response to care. The process of appointing, training and monitoring designated personnel may take up to two weeks to ensure proper care of the student. The school nurse will determine when it is appropriate for the student with special health care needs to attend school safely. The school will be responsible for providing the student with assignments to work on at home during this interim period.
4. Students shall be instructed in self care when appropriate to do so.
5. School personnel shall be made aware of the health problems for purposes of emergency care as well as for daily programming. In-service training shall be provided to teachers and other school personnel as necessary to instruct them in types of emergency care that might be needed (e.g., what to do during a seizure, how to recognize signs of insulin shock or diabetic coma, or how to move students to and from wheelchairs). Underlying this involvement of the regular education personnel shall be an understanding of their informed choice to participate and related release from liability offered by school law.
6. The school shall review physicians' written requests for adaptive health care or limited activities for students.
7. The school nurse shall assist in coordinating services by acting as a liaison with the health care provider, student, family, and school.