



Accommodating Students with Seizure Disorders or Epilepsy

The district will develop and follow an individual health plan (IHP) for each student with seizure disorder or epilepsy. Each individual health plan will include an individual emergency plan element. The health plans will be updated annually, and more frequently as needed.

The certificated school nurse is appointed to consult and coordinate with the student's parents and health care provider, and train and supervise the appropriate school district personnel in proper procedures for care for students with epilepsy or other seizure disorders to ensure a safe, therapeutic learning environment. Training required may also be provided by a national organization that offers training for school nurses for managing students with seizures and seizure training for school personnel.

In addition to adhering to the requirements of each individual health plan, for the general care of students with seizure disorder or epilepsy, the district will:

- A. Acquire necessary parent requests and instructions for treatment;
- B. Acquire monitoring and treatment orders from licensed health care providers prescribing within the scope of their licensed authority;
- C. Provide sufficient and secure storage for medical equipment and medication provided by the parent;
- D. Establish school policy exceptions necessary to accommodate students' needs related to epilepsy or other seizure disorders, as described in the individual health plan;
- E. Ensure the development of emergency plans as part of the IHP;
- F. Ensure the possession of legal documents for parent-designated adults to provide care, if needed;
- G. Ensure each individual health plan is updated and reviewed at least annually; and
- H. Ensure each student's individual health plan will be distributed to appropriate staff based on the student's needs and the staff member's contact with the student.

Parents of students with seizure disorders or epilepsy may designate an adult to provide care for their student consistent with the student's individual health plan. School district employees may volunteer to be a parent-designated adult under this policy, but they will not be required to participate.

"Parent-designated adult" means a parent-designated adult who is not licensed under chapter 18.79 and: (A) Volunteers for the designation; (B) receives additional training from a health care professional or expert in care for epilepsy or other seizure disorders selected by the parents; and (C) provides care for the child consistent with the individual health plan.

