

Catheterization

The board authorizes qualified staff to provide clean, intermittent bladder catheterization (CIC) of students or assisted self-catheterization according to rules adopted by the State Board of Nursing.

School district employees, except those licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW, who have not agreed in writing to perform clean, intermittent bladder catheterization as a specific part of their job description, may file a written letter of refusal to perform clean, intermittent bladder catheterization of students. This written letter of refusal may not serve as grounds for discharge, nonrenewal, or other action adversely affecting the employee's contract status.

Catheterization is permitted under the following conditions:

- A. A parent, legal guardian or other person having legal control over the student files a written, current and unexpired request that the district provide for the catheterization of the student;
- B. A licensed physician of the student files 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;
- C. A registered nurse provides written, current and unexpired instructions regarding catheterization that states 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. 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.
- E. Any public school district or private school that provides clean, intermittent bladder catheterization shall document the provision of training given to employees who perform these services. These records shall be made available for review at any audit.

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 will 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/guardians are given advance oral/written notice.

Cross References:	2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.255 Provision of health services in public and private schools — Employee job description RCW 28A.210.280 Catheterization of public and private school students RCW 28A.210.290 Catheterization of Public and Private School Students — Immunity from liability WAC 246-840-820 Provision for clean, intermittent catheterization in schools
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