

STUDENTS

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Student Services

Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder

Beginning on July 1, 2023, parents of a student with epilepsy or a seizure disorder who are seeking care for their child while at school are encouraged to inform the school nurse or in the absence of the nurse, the building administrator of their request. Upon such request, the school nurse will develop an individualized emergency health care plan for the student. Parents must annually provide written authorization for the provision of epilepsy or seizure care as set out in the student's individualized health care plan.

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Beginning July 1, 2023, such plans shall be updated by the school nurse before the beginning of each school year. However, if there is a change in the student's health status, the plan may be modified at any time as directed by the student's changed health issues.

Individualized Emergency Health Care Plan

An Individualized Emergency Health Care Plan is a document developed by a school nurse in consultation with the student's parent and health care providers. Such Plan will set out the procedural guidelines that provide what to do in a particular emergency situation. The Plan will be signed by the parent, school nurse or administrator in charge of the nurse.

Individualized Health Care Plan

This plan differs from the "Emergency Plan" only in that this plan describes the continuing care provided to affected students. Individualized plans may include but will not be limited to the following:

1. Notice about the student's condition for all school employees who interact with the student.
2. Written orders from the student's physician or advanced practice nurse describing the epilepsy or seizure disorder care.
3. Symptoms of the epilepsy or seizure disorder and recommended care.
4. Whether the student may participate in exercise, sports and any contraindications to exercise or accommodation.
5. Accommodation for field trips, after-school activities, class parties, or other school-related activities.
6. Information for school employees concerning recognition of and care for epilepsy and seizure disorder.
7. First aid training, and directives about when to call for assistance, emergency and parent contact information.
8. Medical and treatment issues that may affect the educational process of the student.
9. The student's ability to manage and the student's level of understanding of their epilepsy or seizure disorder.
10. How to maintain communication with the student, the student's parents and health care team, the school nurse or the administrator in absence of the nurse.

School Nurse Responsibilities

The school nurse or the administrator in absence of the school nurse will coordinate the provision of epilepsy and seizure care at school. The school nurse will also ensure that all school employees are trained every two (2) years in the care of students with epilepsy and seizure disorders. The school nurse shall obtain a release from the student's parents to authorize the sharing of medical information

between the student's physician or advanced practice nurse and other health care providers. The release will include sharing this information with other school employees as necessary.

Staff Training

All school employees including employees working with school-sponsored programs outside of the regular school day will be trained every two (2) years in the care of students with epilepsy and seizure disorders. Such training will include an on-line or in-person course of instruction approved by the Department of Health and Senior Services that is provided by a reputable, local, Missouri-based health care or non-profit organization that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders.

Immunity from Liability

School employees including but not limited to the school nurse, bus drivers, bus driver aides and any officer or agent of a school will not be liable for any good faith acts or omissions consistent with the provisions of this Regulation. School nurses will also be protected from the State Board of Nursing for any action taken by a school employee trained in good faith by the school nurse. Good faith does not include willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness.

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