



This policy follows “Guidelines for Use of Health Care Professionals and Health Care Procedures in a School Setting” (Tennessee Department of Health and Tennessee Department of Education).

Students with diabetes shall not be assigned to a school other than the school for which the student is zoned or would otherwise regularly attend.

Any identified child with diabetes shall have an annual health assessment resulting in an individual health plan (IHP) completed by a contracted registered nurse. The IHP will

- Follow Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) guidelines in identifying a location for student glucose monitoring and injection.
- Identify sharps storage and disposal which is accessible to the student.
- Provide refrigerator for insulin storage when necessary.
- Assess competency and proficiency of the student on a bi-annual basis at a minimum.
- Determine the method for the student to report or ask for assistance on an “as needed” basis.
- Include a safety plan that provides consideration to a child’s need to urinate or test glucose level when necessary.

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Independent Student Management of Diabetes

- Upon written request of the parent or guardian, and if included in the student’s medical management plan and in the IHP, a student with diabetes shall be permitted to perform blood glucose checks, administer insulin, treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, and otherwise attend to the care and management of the student’s diabetes in any area of the school or school grounds and at any school-related activity, and shall be permitted to possess on such student’s person at all times all necessary diabetes monitoring and treatment supplies, including sharps. Any sharps involved in diabetes care and management for a student shall be
- stored in a secure, but accessible location, including on the student’s person, until use of such sharps is appropriate. Use and disposal of sharps shall be in compliance with the guidelines set forth by TOSHA.

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- If a student has been taught to perform his/her own procedure and does not need assistance, space must be made available for the student to perform this task. The area identified for glucose monitoring and insulin injections must conform to TOSHA guidelines. These guidelines require the area to
 - Have a clean desk or counter space.
 - Be in close proximity to hand washing facilities.
 - Have no eating, drinking, smoking, or applying cosmetics or lip balm, and handling contact lenses.
 - Have immediate access to the sharps container (red box).

Sharps Disposal

- Contaminated sharps should be discarded immediately or as soon as feasible in designated containers (red box).

Procedures for Students Requiring Nursing or Healthcare Assistance

- The student's IHP will include a nursing assessment, physician's diagnosis, and parental authorization.

References/Authority

TCA § 49-5-415