

## 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.

Employees (except licensed nurses) who have not previously 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 catheterization. The employee's refusal may not serve as grounds for discharge, nonrenewal or any other action adversely affecting the employee's contract status.

Clean, intermittent catheterization is authorized under the following conditions:

- A. A parent, legal guardian or other person having legal control over the student:
  - Provides a written request for catheterization of the student.
  - Provides written permission for nonlicensed school employees to perform the catheterization.
- B. A current written order (reviewed and revised each school year) for clean, intermittent catheterization from the student's physician with written procedural instructions.
- 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.
- 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.

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:	Board Policy 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
	28A.210.280	Catheterization of public and private school students
	28A.210.290	Catheterization of Public and Private School Students — Immunity from liability
	WAC 246-840-820	Provision for clean, Intermittent Catheterization in schools

Management Resources:

*Policy News*, December 2014 issue

*Policy News*, June 2003

*Policy News*, December 2003

Catheterization Policy Update

Updated Legal References for

Catheterization, Facilities Planning and

Student Records Policies

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