## POLICY TITLE: Accommodating Students with Seizure Disorders or Epilepsy

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

The school nurse at each district school is responsible for consulting and coordinating with the student's parents/guardians and, where appropriate, health care provider to develop the individual health plan, and for training and supervising appropriate school personnel in proper procedures for care of students with epilepsy or other seizure disorders to ensure a safe learning environment. Training may also be provided by a national organization that offers training for school nurses and other school personnel. Basic training for all school staff on how to identify seizures and respond in emergencies will be provided at least annually. Additional training may be provided for designated staff.

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:

- 1. Acquire necessary parent/guardian requests and instructions for treatment administration of rescue medications.
- 2. Where appropriate, and with parent/guardian consent, acquire monitoring and treatment orders from licensed health care providers.
- 3. Provide sufficient and secure storage for medical equipment and medication provided by the parent/guardian for use by their student.
- 4. Establish school policy exceptions necessary to accommodate students' needs related to epilepsy or other seizure disorders, as described in the individual health plan.
- 5. Ensure the development of individual emergency care plans within each individual health plan.
- 6. Ensure each individual health plan is reviewed at least annually.
- 7. Ensure each student's individual health care plan will be distributed to appropriate staff based on the student's needs and the staff member's contact with the student.
- 8. Ensure school staff and other appropriate personnel (e.g., bus drivers) receive basic information about seizures and training on how to identify and respond in emergencies.



## **LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections

33-506 – Organization and Government of Board of Trustees

33-512 – Governance of Schools

IDAPA 08.02.03.160.01.a.i – Safe Environment and Discipline (Required Health Policies)

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42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq. – Americans with Disabilities Act

## **CROSS-REFERENCE:**

Administering Medications – 561 Health Records and Emergency Care – 564

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