

Cache County School District
Vagus Nerve Stimulator Protocol

Only staff ANNUALLY trained by A CCSD Nurse can provide the following procedure
ALWAYS FOLLOW THE STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED HEALTH CARE PLAN

PROTOCOL
A. Preparation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Identifies student's ability to participate in procedure* Reviews universal precautions* Identifies where procedure is done* Identifies where Vagus Nerve Stimulator is implanted in student* Identifies possible problems and appropriate actions. (side effects, magnet storage, if stimulator is not working, stopping the VNS)
B. Identifies supplies and gathers equipment <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Vagus Nerve Stimulator Magnet – know the location at all times, do not share magnets2. Magnet is kept away from computers, cell phones, credit cards
C. Procedure <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Follow the Individualized Healthcare Plan instructions related to seizure first aid, swiping the stimulator with magnet, calling the parents/9112. Follow the Individualized Healthcare Plan instructions for the number of minutes of seizure activity before swiping the magnet over the chest area where the VNS generator is implanted3. Hold the magnet over the generator for at least 2 seconds OR swipe VNS slowly with magnet (2 – 3 seconds)4. If the seizure has not lessened or stopped follow Individualized Healthcare Plan for instructions5. Document procedure in the approved CCSD documentation system