

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School**  
**Policy S26: Diabetes Management**  
**Adopted: October 22, 2020**

I. Definitions

- A. **Diabetes medical management plan:** a document developed by the student's licensed healthcare practitioner that sets out the health services, including the student's target range for blood glucose levels, needed by the student at school.
- B. **Healthcare professional:** a doctor of medicine or osteopathy licensed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board pursuant to Article 2, Chapter 34, Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated or a legally authorized designee acting pursuant to job description or nurse protocol agreement approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board.
- C. **Trained diabetes personnel:** a school employee trained in accordance with this rule; such employee shall not be required to be a healthcare professional

II. All students with diabetes who desire care or management assistance with their diabetes during school hours shall provide the school with a written diabetes medical management plan completed and signed by the student's licensed healthcare professional and provided and signed by the parent or guardian of a student.

- A. The diabetes medical management plan must include:
  - 1. Information on how, when, and under what circumstances the student should receive blood glucose monitoring and injections of insulin.
  - 2. Guidance on steps to take in case of an emergency.
  - 3. Written permission by the parent or guardian to allow monitoring of the student's blood glucose and to administer insulin by injection or by the delivery system used by the student.
- B. The diabetes medical management plan must be completed and submitted to the school at least annually.

III. To assist students with diabetes, Southwest Georgia S.T.E.M. Charter school shall:

- A. Adhere to the diabetes medical management plan for the student as provided by the parent or guardian.
- B. Not administer any treatment to a student with diabetes that is not outlined in his/her diabetes medical management plan.
- C. Allow a student with diabetes to perform blood glucose checks, administer insulin through the insulin delivery system the student uses, treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, and otherwise attend to the monitoring and treatment of his/her diabetes in the classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, and at any school related activity if requested by the parent or guardian in writing and if authorized in the diabetes medical management plan.
- D. A student with diabetes must be permitted to possess on his/her person at all times all necessary supplies and equipment to perform monitoring and treatment functions.

E. Provide two trained personnel capable of performing the functions outlined in the diabetes medical management plan, including, but not limited to:

1. Responding to blood glucose levels that are outside of the student's target range;
2. Administering insulin, or assisting a student in administering insulin through the insulin delivery system the student uses;
3. providing oral diabetes medications;
4. checking and recording blood glucose levels or assisting a student with such checking and recording; and
5. following instructions regarding meals, snacks, and physical activity.

F. Employee training shall be conducted by a nurse or healthcare professional with expertise in diabetes and shall take place prior to the commencement of each school year, or as needed when a student with diabetes enrolls at school, or when a student is newly diagnosed with diabetes.

1. Documentation of this training shall record the name, title, and credentials of the nurse or healthcare professional providing the training and the names and titles of the school personnel receiving training.

G. No healthcare professional, nurse, school employee, or state chartered special school shall be liable for civil damages or subject to disciplinary action under professional licensing regulations or school disciplinary policies as a result of the activities authorized or required by O.C.G.A 20-02-0779 when such acts are committed as an ordinarily reasonably prudent healthcare professional, nurse, school employee, or state chartered special school would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.