



### **POLICY 5.3212**

**4-C** I recommend the Board adopt the proposed revised Policy 5.3212, entitled "Blood Glucose Monitoring."

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#### **Adoption**

#### **CONSENT ITEM**

- This amendment specifies that principals and 504 designees will receive annual training on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, including (but not limited to) diabetes.
- The Board approved this revision as a first reading on August 2, 2004. The Adoption Notice was duly advertised on August 16.

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**BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING**

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5 1. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § ~~232.465(2)(c)~~ 1006.062(4)(c), students with diabetes  
6 mellitus (insulin-dependent or non-insulin-dependent) or recurrent hypoglycemia  
7 have the right to monitor their blood sugar levels, or to have such levels monitored,  
8 during the school day as ordered by their physician.  
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- 10 2. The purpose of blood glucose monitoring is to obtain information needed for  
11 appropriate decisions regarding the balance of insulin, food, and exercise for the  
12 student.  
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- 14 3. Parents/guardians have the responsibility to notify the school administration in  
15 advance, pursuant to Board Policy 5.321, that their child will use a glucose  
16 monitoring device. Each student who will use a monitoring device has the  
17 responsibility of showing it to his/her teachers and school administrators at the  
18 beginning of the school year (or later time corresponding with beginning to use the  
19 device at school), and the device should be labeled with the student's name and  
20 other information consistent with Policy 5.321.  
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- 22 4. The Superintendent shall annually direct school principals to notify assistant  
23 principals and teachers of the students who will use glucose monitoring devices in  
24 their school. Applicable personnel are to be trained, as deemed appropriate by the  
25 Superintendent, concerning identification of blood glucose monitoring devices.  
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- 27 5. The student, school nurse, or other personnel trained pursuant to section (7)  
28 below, will perform the monitoring. If a student will perform the monitoring, he or  
29 she shall be assessed by the school nurse for adequate knowledge and skill in all  
30 aspects of blood glucose monitoring. Students performing self-monitoring shall be  
31 under the supervision of the school nurse or other personnel trained according to  
32 section (7) below.  
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- 34 6. The school principal/designee shall identify at least two personnel to be trained in  
35 accordance with section (7) herein, as backup for the school nurse in order to  
36 supervise and/or perform monitoring of blood glucose for students with diabetes or  
37 recurrent hypoglycemia.  
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- 39 7. Nonmedical school district personnel shall be allowed to perform or assist with  
40 blood glucose monitoring as a health-related service pursuant to Fla. Stat. §  
41 ~~232.465(2)~~ 1006.062(4), upon successful completion of child-specific training by a  
42 Florida-licensed registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician (M.D. or D.O.), or  
43 physician assistant. The school nurse will supervise and assess the proficiency of  
44 nonmedical school staff who receive such training.

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- 46 8. As required by Fla. Stat. § ~~232.465(2)~~ 1006.062(4), all blood-glucose monitoring
- 47 procedures shall be monitored periodically by a Florida-licensed registered nurse,
- 48 nurse practitioner, physician (M.D. or D.O.), or physician assistant.
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- 50 9. The schedule for a student's glucose monitoring in school should closely follow the
- 51 monitoring schedule used at home. The student's individualized health care plan
- 52 ("IHCP") and/or Section 504 Modification Plan ("504 plan") should specify when
- 53 regular monitoring is to occur and when symptoms would indicate the need for
- 54 additional monitoring.
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- 56 10. The most appropriate setting for the glucose monitoring will, in many cases, be the
- 57 school health room. Students in grades three and higher who demonstrate
- 58 capability and maturity may monitor or be monitored in a supportive classroom
- 59 situation. The location and method of monitoring such glucose levels, including
- 60 safe disposal of sharps/lancets, shall be determined by a joint decision of the
- 61 school principal/designee and the school nurse, with input from the student, the
- 62 student's parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student's physician or other licensed
- 63 healthcare provider.
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- 65 11. The IHCP and the 504 plan will address emergency care procedures for individual
- 66 diabetic students and will contain a detailed description of the method of response.
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- 68 12. Consistent with Fla. Stat. § ~~232.46(2)~~ 1006.062(2) and Board Policy 5.321, there
- 69 shall be no liability for civil damages as a result of monitoring of student blood
- 70 glucose levels when the person performing or supervising such monitoring acts as
- 71 an ordinarily prudent person would have acted under the same or similar
- 72 circumstances.
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- 74 13. School principals and 504 designees will receive annual training on Section 504 of
- 75 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Such training will include, but not be limited to,
- 76 diabetes.
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78 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: §§ ~~230.22(2); 230.23(22); 232.46;~~ 1001.41(2); 1006.062,

79 Fla. Stat.

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81 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: §§ ~~230.23(6); Section 230.232.46(2); 232.465;~~ 1001.42(6)(a);

82 1006.062, Fla. Stat.

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84 HISTORY: 8/5/02;  / /04

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 5.3212 and finds it legally sufficient for development.

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