CANADIAN VALLEY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

Section 10 – Students

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STUDENT DIABETES CARE AND MANAGEMENT

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this policy is to implement the requirements of the Diabetes Management in Schools Act ("Act"), OKLA. STAT. tit. 70 § 1210.196.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, these terms have the following definitions:

"Diabetes medical management plan" means the document a student's personal health care team develops that identifies the health services the student may need at school.

"Personal health care team" means the team responsible for managing a student's diabetes and includes the campus director or designee, the volunteer diabetes care assistant, if any, the parent or guardian of a minor student, and to the extent practicable, the physician responsible for the student's diabetes treatment.

"Volunteer diabetes care assistant" means a technology center employee who has volunteered to be a diabetes care assistant and successfully completed the training required by this policy and state law.

Policy

Any technology center employee aware of a student who has diabetes-related needs while at school or while participating in school activities will promptly advise the campus director. The parent of any minor student who will have diabetes-related needs at school or in school activities should promptly advise the campus director.

A personal health care team will develop a written Diabetes Medical Management Plan ("Plan") for each student who may seek care for diabetes while at school or while participating in a school activity. The Plan will identify the health services the student may need at school. Each member of the student's personal health care team, including the parent of a minor student, will sign the Plan. The personal health care team will review the Plan at least annually. The campus director will make a reasonable effort to find one or more technology center employees willing to serve as a volunteer diabetes care assistant ("Assistant") to assist the student with diabetes care as provided in the student's Plan. The campus director will make a reasonable effort to ensure that an Assistant is available at the school to assist the student when needed. The technology center will not restrict the assignment of a student with diabetes based on the presence of an Assistant.

Technology center personnel will request that the parent or guardian of a minor student provide written authorization for the campus director or Assistant to have access to the student's physician at all times. The technology center will maintain the Plan and related documentation as student health records.

Before undertaking responsibilities as an Assistant, a volunteer must first complete training provided

by the State Department of Health in accordance with the Act. The training will include instruction in the following:

- Recognizing the symptoms of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia;
- Understanding the proper action to take if the student's blood glucose is outside the range indicated in the Plan;
- Understanding the details of the Plan;
- Performing finger sticks to check blood glucose levels, check urine ketone levels, and record the results of those checks;
- Properly administering insulin and glucagon and recording the results of the administration;
- Recognizing complications that require the assistant to seek emergency assistance;
- Understanding the recommended schedules and food intake for the student's meals and snacks, the effect of physical activity on blood glucose and the proper action to be taken if the student's schedule is disrupted.

To continue as an Assistant, the volunteer must annually demonstrate competency in the above training. The campus director or designee will maintain a copy of the training guidelines and the records associated with the training.

With permission from the student or the parent(s) of a minor student, the technology center will provide each technology center employee responsible for supervising or transporting a student with diabetes a form with the following information:

- Student's name;
- Telephone number of a contact person in case of an emergency involving the student;
- Potential emergencies that may occur due to diabetes and appropriate responses to such emergencies.

Any technology center employee provided the above information will be informed of applicable health privacy policies.

In accordance with his or her individual Plan and this policy, a student may attend to the management of his or her diabetes, which may include:

- Performing blood glucose level checks;
- Administering insulin through the student's insulin delivery system;
- Treating hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia;
- Unless changed in accordance with this policy, possessing on his or her person at any time, any supplies or specialized equipment necessary to monitor and care for his or her diabetes; and
- Otherwise attending to the management of his or her diabetes in the classroom, any area of the school or grounds, or at any school related activity.

The technology center will provide a private area where the student can attend to his or her diabetesrelated needs.

If a student uses a device providing continuous glucose monitoring with electronic access to glucose numbers, a technology center nurse, diabetes care assistant, or other center staff may access

electronically monitored glucose numbers for the student with written permission of the minor student's parent or guardian. To monitor glucose numbers, staff members with appropriate permissions may download the necessary electronic application(s) or software to access electronically monitored glucose numbers to a center electronic device, or their personal electronic device in the absence of a center-provided device.

A technology center nurse, diabetes care assistant, or other center staff shall not be responsible for and shall not be subject to disciplinary action for lack of any monitoring of electronic glucose numbers outside of school hours or school-sponsored activities.

Students who manage their diabetes and personally possess the necessary specialized equipment and supplies under this policy are prohibited from sharing or playing with their equipment or supplies. If a student engages in these activities, a meeting of the personal health care team will be scheduled to address the situation. The technology center is not responsible for safeguarding the specialized equipment or supplies of a student who personally possesses those items.

Students with diabetes are encouraged to wear Medic Alert bracelets or necklaces.

No technology center employee will be subject to any penalty or disciplinary action for refusing to serve as an Assistant. No technology center employee will be subject to any disciplinary proceeding resulting from any action taken in compliance with this policy. Any employee acting in accordance with this policy and law will be immune from civil liability unless the employee's actions rise to the level of reckless or intentional conduct.

The District will provide in either digital or printed format type 1 diabetes informational materials to parents/guardians of minor students when a student is initially enrolled at the Center. The diabetes informational materials provided will conform to the type 1 diabetes informational materials to be developed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Reference: Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 1210.196