

Emergency action may be necessary when the student has seizure activity symptoms such as: Grand Mal: Tonic-body rigid with back arched, clonic-convulsive shaking Petit Mal: (absence spells) Very brief (10-20 seconds) period of cessation of motion. Focal: (partial) Seizure of one part of body, usually on one side Psychomotor: (complex partial) Purposeful but inappropriate motor acts, often repetitive.

If You See This	Do This
<ul> <li>Not mentally alert as evidenced by difficulty concentrating or appearing confused</li> <li>Sudden cry, gurgling/grunting</li> <li>Falling down, thrashing/jerking</li> <li>Rigid/stiff</li> <li>Loss bowel/bladder</li> <li>Shallow breathing, difficulty swallowing or breathing</li> <li>White or pink froth from mouth</li> <li>Extreme paleness/gray color, clammy skin</li> <li>Blue discoloration around mouth, lips and fingernails</li> <li>Unresponsive/Loss of consciousness</li> <li>*Call 911 immediately for seizures caused by injury or someone who has no history</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stay with student, keep student calm/quiet</li> <li>Prevent student from hurting themselves by breaking the fall and/or moving nearby objects away. Loosen constricting clothes around neck. Begin timing seizure.</li> <li>Send for School Nurse and state student's name</li> <li>Clear room of other students</li> <li>Monitor breathing. If vomiting occurs, turn student to their side to prevent aspiration/choking <ul> <li>DO NOT restrain or place fingers in students' mouth</li> </ul> </li> <li>Notify Administration</li> <li>Nurse /Administration will notify Parent/Guardian <ul> <li>If this is a known student who has seizures and is their normal pattern: comfort, reorient and allow student to rest</li> </ul> </li> <li>CALL 911immediately and administer Diastat if trained: <ul> <li>Seizure lasts more than 5 minutes or minutes per doctors' orders</li> <li>Two or more consecutive seizures</li> <li>Continues to have bluish/pale skin/lips</li> <li>Noisy breathing or difficulty breathing</li> <li>Unresponsive/Loss of Consciousness</li> </ul> </li> <li>Initiate CPR if necessary. (The need for resuscitation would be extremely rare).</li> </ul>

## **DIASTAT Protocol:**

Please do not give DIASTAT® AcuDial<sup>TM</sup> until trained:

- 1. Call 911 and clear the room of other students if not already initiated.
- 2. Put person on their side where they can't fall.
- 3. Get medicine. Confirm prescribed dose is visible and if known, is correct.
- 4. Push up with thumb and pull to remove cap from syringe. Be sure Seal Pin is removed with the cap.
- 5. Lubricate rectal tip with lubricating jelly.
- 6. Turn person on side facing you.

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- 7. Bend upper leg forward to expose rectum.
- 8. Separate buttocks to expose rectum
- 9. Gently insert syringe tip into rectum. Note: Rim should be snug against rectal opening.
- 10. Slowly count to 3 while gently pushing plunger in until it stops.
- 11. Slowly count to 3 before removing syringe from rectum.
- 12. Slowly count to 3 while holding buttocks together to prevent leakage
- 13. Keep person on side facing you, note time given and continue to observe.
- 14. Record time of administration

An **Emergency Care Plan (ECP)** is a plan that gives specific steps for school staff to take when a student has a medical emergency. The plan contains a short definition of the condition, signs and symptoms of the health condition that are emergent and a written step-by-step instruction that outlines what school staff should do for that emergency. Skyward provides information regarding the student's medical condition and parental/guardian's contact information. Health Conditions and ECPs are to remain confidential. Please keep in a secure location and not out in the open.

- We ask that teachers familiarize themselves with the ECPs that are applicable to students' health condition/s in their class. Ask privately:
  - 1. If the student uses emergency medication/s
  - 2. If the student keeps emergency medication/s with them
  - 3. If the student keeps emergency medication/s in the schools' clinic
- Fill out the Student Health Condition List. Print out as many as needed or one per class period.
- Leave the Student Health Condition List and ECPs pertinent to current health conditions in the substitute teacher folders in a secure location
- Ask the school nurse to meet in order to answer any questions on student's health condition or to provide training on emergency medication/s