

TOILET INDEPENDENCE

Definition

- *Accidents* by definition are unusual incidents and should only happen infrequently.
- *Toilet independence* means a student who can do the following:
 - a. Be able to tell the teacher they have to go to the bathroom when they have to relieve themselves.
 - b. Be able to pull down their underwear and pants and get them back up without assistance.
 - c. Be able to wipe themselves after using the toilet.
 - d. Be able to get off the toilet by themselves.
 - e. Be able to wash and dry hands.
 - f. Be able to go directly back to the classroom without directions.
 - g. Be able to postpone using the toilet if they must wait for someone who is in the bathroom or the student is outside and away from the bathroom.

Upon entering preschool and/or kindergarten, the District expects students to be toilet independent, unless the student has a documented disability. The District shall not deny admission to non-disabled students based on their ability or inability to use bathroom facilities independently and/or control bodily functions associated with toileting. Administrators shall develop privacy, hygiene, and staff supervision requirements for students who have toileting needs. Parents of a disabled student who requires toileting assistance shall ensure that an agreed toileting plan for their child is developed with the school.

Teachers shall encourage student independence as much as possible and avoid any unnecessary physical contact in the event of an accident. Parents/guardians of students who are not disabled, but have accidents, shall be contacted to arrange the cleaning and changing of their child. Students who exhibit repeated inability to use bathroom facilities independently and/or control bodily functions associated with toileting that do not already have a plan that addresses toileting needs shall be referred to the building administrator to begin the process for determining the category of need (e.g., special education, medical, mental health, etc.).

Students having a confirmed contagious disease, which could be contracted by others through student’s urine or feces, may be excluded from school for a reasonable amount of time to allow for medical intervention and for the school to develop and implement a hygiene plan for both student and employees.

Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- ACBB, Significant Contagious Disease
- FBB-AR, Toilet Independence Procedure

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