Quick Reference Emergency Plan
for a Student with Diabetes

Hypoglycemia
(Low Blood Sugar)

Student’s Name

Grade/Teacher

Emergency Contact Information:

Mother/Guardian

Father/Guardian

Home phone

Work phone

Cell

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Work phone

Cell

School Nurse/Trained Diabetes Personnel

Contact Number(s)

Never send a child with suspected low blood sugar anywhere alone.

Causes of Hypoglycemia
- Too much insulin
- Missed food
- Delayed food
- Too much or too intense exercise
- Unscheduled exercise

Onset
- Sudden

Symptoms

Mild
- Hunger
- Shakiness
- Weakness
- Paleness
- Anxiety
- Irritability
- Dizziness

Moderate
- Headache
- Behavior change
- Poor coordination

Severe
- Loss of consciousness
- Seizure
- Inability to swallow

Circle student’s usual symptoms.

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Actions Needed

Notify School Nurse or Trained Diabetes Personnel. If possible, check blood sugar, per Diabetes Medical Management Plan. When in doubt, always TREAT FOR HYPOGLYCEMIA.

Mild
- Student may/may not treat self.
- Provide quick-sugar source.
  - 3-4 glucose tablets
  - 4 oz. juice
  - 6 oz. regular soda
  - 3 teaspoons of glucose gel
- Wait 10 to 15 minutes.
- Recheck blood glucose.
- Repeat food if symptoms persist or blood glucose is less than
- Follow with a snack of carbohydrate and protein (e.g., cheese and crackers).

Moderate
- Someone assists.
- Give student quick-sugar source per MILD guidelines.
- Wait 10 to 15 minutes.
- Recheck blood glucose.
- Repeat food if symptoms persist or blood glucose is less than
- Follow with a snack of carbohydrate and protein (e.g., cheese and crackers).

Severe
- Don’t attempt to give anything by mouth.
- Position on side, if possible.
- Contact school nurse or trained diabetes personnel.
- Administer glucagon, as prescribed.
- Call 911.
- Contact parents/guardian.
- Stay with student.

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Causes of Hyperglycemia
- Too much food
- Too little insulin
- Decreased activity
- Illness
- Infection
- Stress

Onset
- Over time—several hours or days

Symptoms

Mild
- Thirst
- Frequent urination
- Fatigue/sleepiness
- Increased hunger
- Blurred vision
- Weight loss
- Stomach pains
- Flushing of skin
- Lack of concentration
- Sweet, fruity breath
- Other:
  Circle student’s usual symptoms.

Moderate
- Mild symptoms plus:
  - Dry mouth
  - Nausea
  - Stomach cramps
  - Vomiting
  - Other:
    Circle student’s usual symptoms.

Severe
- Mild and moderate symptoms plus:
  - Labored breathing
  - Very weak
  - Confused
  - Unconscious

Actions Needed
- Allow free use of the bathroom.
- Encourage student to drink water or sugar-free drinks.
- Contact the school nurse or trained diabetes personnel to check urine or administer insulin, per student’s Diabetes Medical Management Plan.
- If student is nauseous, vomiting, or lethargic, ____ call the parents/guardian or ____ call for medical assistance if parent cannot be reached.