

Student Toileting and Hygiene

The Mother Lode Union School District is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and developmentally appropriate learning environment for all students. This policy clarifies the responsibilities of school staff and parents/guardians regarding student toileting and hygiene needs while ensuring compliance with state and federal laws.

Policy:

1. Student Responsibility:

- It is expected that students attending school are toilet trained and can manage their own personal hygiene.
- In the event of a toileting accident, students will be provided with a private and dignified space to change, if they are able to do so independently.

2. Parental Responsibility:

- If a student is unable to clean themselves after a toileting accident, parents/guardians will be contacted and expected to come to school to assist their child.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to provide an extra set of clothing, including socks and shoes, for their child in case of an accident.

3. Staff Responsibility:

- **For general education students**, school staff are not responsible for assisting students with toileting or changing soiled clothing.
- **For students with disabilities or medical needs**, toileting assistance will be provided in accordance with their **Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan**, as required by federal and state law.
- Staff will provide appropriate supervision and support to ensure the child's dignity while waiting for a parent/guardian, if applicable.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that this policy is communicated to staff and families and that appropriate procedures are in place to support its implementation while maintaining compliance with **IDEA, Section 504, and California Education Code**.

Legal References:

- **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) [20 U.S.C. § 1400]**
- **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S.C. § 794]**
- **California Education Code § 56040 (Right to FAPE)**