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The Shrewsbury Public Schools recognizes that there are students who need assistance in toileting, including diaper changing. These procedural guidelines have been developed as a protocol for staff working with students who require staff support in toileting, including diaper changing and toilet training.

When a student requires the assistance of a staff member for toileting, the bathroom in the nurse's office will be used, if possible. This will provide the student and the staff member with a level of privacy. A student who is confined to a wheelchair may not be able to access the bathroom in the nurse's office and in these cases efforts are to be made to utilize a bathroom that offers a level of privacy. However, it is recognized that in some cases the regular student bathroom may need to be used. Exceptions to this protocol will include classrooms that are equipped with a bathroom. In such cases every effort will be made to have a second adult available to observe and assist if needed.

Similarly, when a staff member needs to change the diaper of a student the nurse's office will be used.

It is understood that it is not the responsibility of the school nurse to be involved in the toileting/diapering process, but the school nurse is available to observe the process and assist the staff member if the situation warrants the intervention of the school nurse.

There are students who have, as part of the Individual Education Plan (IEP), a toilet training component. The staff member who is assigned to work with the student will be provided with a walkie-talkie or other communication devise that will allow the staff member to call for assistance if needed.