Appendix B: Toileting and Continence Goals

When writing toileting goals, make sure to include the conditions, and be sure that those conditions are reflected in the accommodations you have written.

Defining Terms

Continence

The skill of holding and releasing urine and feces in the appropriate time and place

Toileting

All skills related to continence, including clothing management, hygiene, mobility on and off the toilet, and communication of needs around continence/toileting

Sample Continence Goals

The student will sit willingly for X (interval) and attempt to urinate or have a bowel movement, given (accommodations/conditions).

The student will urinate in the toilet X times per day, given (accommodations/conditions).

The student will have fewer than X instances of soiled pants per X (period), given (accommodations/conditions).

The student will use X bathrooms throughout the school willingly for urination/bowel movements, given (accommodations/conditions).

The student will identify the need to urinate/have a bowel movement, as demonstrated by (raising hand and asking, use of AAC, walking to the bathroom), X times per period of time.

Sample Toileting Goals

The student will independently manage their clothing for toileting, including wet/soiled brief and fasteners, X times per period of time.

The student will wipe effectively after urination/bowel movements, X out of Y times, given (accommodations/conditions).

The student will complete the sequence of clothing and hygiene skills required for toileting with X assistance and X verbal cues, given (accommodations/conditions).

The student will transition to and sit on the toilet with X assistance, given (accommodations/conditions).

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