

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS

The Governing Board believes that regular school attendance is critical to student learning and that students who need to take medication prescribed or ordered for them by their authorized health care providers should have an opportunity to participate in the educational program.

(cf. 5113 – Absences and Excuses)

Any medication prescribed for a student with a disability who is qualified to receive services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 shall be administered in accordance with the student's individualized education program or Section 504 services plan as applicable.

(cf. 6159 – Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 – Identification, Evaluation and Education of Students Who are Qualified Disabled Persons within the Meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)

For the administration of medication to other students during school or school-related activities, the Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols which shall include options for allowing a parent/guardian to administer medication to his/her child at school, designate other individuals to do so on his/her behalf, and, with the child's authorized health care provider's approval, request the district's permission for his/her child to self-administer a medication or self-monitor and/or self-test for a medical condition.

Such processes shall be implemented in a manner that preserves campus security, minimizes instructional interruptions, and promotes student safety and privacy.

(cf. 1250 – Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 5141.22 – Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.23 – Asthma Management)

(cf. 5141.27 – Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

(cf. 6116 – Classroom Interruptions)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with city and county emergency responders, including local public health administrators, to design procedures or measures for addressing an emergency such as a public disaster or epidemic.

(cf. 3516 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

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Administration of Medication by School Personnel

Medication administration may be provided by the school nurse or assistance by designated school personnel, provided the district has received written statements from both the student's authorized healthcare provider and parent/guardian. In addition, upon written request, designated personnel, under the supervision of the school nurse, may assist the student in monitoring, testing or other treatment of an existing medical condition.

All medications will be stored appropriately in a locked cabinet, or refrigerator, or other identified storage area and staff will be trained in the proper administration, documentation and storage of medications. (Education Code 49423)

Any medication prescribed by an authorized health care provider, including, but not limited to, emergency anti-seizure medication for a student who suffers epileptic seizures, auto-injectable epinephrine, insulin, or glucagon, may be administered by the school nurse or other designated school personnel only when the Superintendent or designee has received written statements from both the student's parent/guardian and authorized health care provider. These medications should be readily available, in a clearly marked cabinet that is accessible to staff who may need to administer it immediately. (Education Code 49414.7, 49423; 5 CCR 600)

When medically unlicensed school personnel are authorized by law to administer any medication to students, such as emergency anti-seizure medication, auto-injectable epinephrine, insulin, or glucagon, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school personnel designated to administer any medication receive appropriate training and, as necessary, retraining from qualified medical personnel before any medication is administered. At a minimum, the training shall cover how and when such medication should be administered, the recognition of symptoms and treatment, emergency follow-up procedures, and the proper documentation and storage of medication. Such trained, unlicensed designated school personnel shall be supervised by, and provided with immediate communication access to, a school nurse, physician, or other appropriate individual. (Education Code 49414, 49414.5, 49414.7, 49423, 49423.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain documentation of the training and ongoing supervision, as well as annual written verification of competency of other designated school personnel.

(cf. 4131/4231/4331 – Staff Development)

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School nurses and other designated school personnel shall administer medications to students in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall be afforded appropriate liability protection.

(cf. 3530 – Insurance Management)

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 – Infections Disease Education)

Anaphylactic Injections

The Board recognizes that some students have allergies of such severity that they may require prescribed emergency epinephrine auto-injector during the course of the school day. Parents/guardians who are aware of this foreseeable need may ask the district to provide such injections in accordance with administrative regulations. For individuals who may suffer previously undiagnosed anaphylaxis, emergency epinephrine auto-injectors may be administered by trained staff. School staff who may be required to administer epinephrine auto-injectors shall receive training from qualified medical personnel, as well as demonstrate competency in CPR. They will be authorized to administer the injections in accordance with administrative regulations and will be afforded appropriate liability protection.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

48980 Notification at beginning of term

49407 Liability for treatment

49408 Emergency information

49414 Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors

49414.5 Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training

49414.7 Emergency medical assistance: administration of epilepsy medication

49422-49427 Employment of medical personnel

49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student

49423.1 Inhaled asthma medication

49480 Continuing medication regimen; notice

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

2700-2837 Nursing

2726 Authority not conferred

2727 Exceptions in general

3501 Definitions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

600-611 Administering medication to students

620-627 Administration of emergency anti-seizure medication by trained volunteer nonmedical school personnel

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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Legal Reference: (continued)

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

COURT DECISIONS

American Nurses Association v. Torlakson, (2013) 57 Cal.App.4th 570

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Pandemic Influenza, Fact Sheet, September 2007

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Glucagon Training Standards for School Personnel: Providing Emergency Medical Assistance to Pupils with Diabetes, May 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Legal Advisory on Rights of Students with Diabetes in California's K-12 Public Schools, August 2007

Training Standards for the Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, December 2004

NATIONAL DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM PUBLICATIONS

Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel, June 2003

WEB SITES

American Diabetes Association: <http://www.diabetes.org>

California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>

National Diabetes Education Program: <http://www.ndep.nih.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, Blood Institute, asthma information: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/index.htm#asthma>

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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