

Policy 5141.21: Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions

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The Governing Board recognizes that some students may need to take medication prescribed by a physician during the school day in order to be able to attend school. The Superintendent or designee shall develop processes for the administration of medication to such students by school personnel.

{cf. 5141.24 – Specialized Health Care Services}

{cf. 6159 – Individualized Education Program}

Prescribed medication may be administered by the school nurse or other designated school personnel only when the Superintendent or designee has received written statements from both a student's physician and parent/guardian. (Education Code 49423; 5 CCR 600)

If the parent/guardian so chooses, he/she may administer the medication to his/her child. In addition, the parent/guardian may designate another individual who is not a school employee to administer the medication to the student. (5CCR 604)

In addition, upon written request, designated personnel may assist the student in monitoring, testing or other treatment of an existing medical condition. (Education Code 49423; 5CCR600)

{cf. 3530 – Risk Management/Insurance}

{cf. 5141.24 – Specialized Health Care Services}

Anaphylactic Injections

The Board recognizes that some students have allergies of such severity that they may require an emergency anaphylactic injection 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.

School staff who administer medication, including epinephrine auto-injections, to students shall receive training from the credentialed school nurse or qualified medical personnel on how such medication should be administered as well as training in the proper documentation and storage of the medication. Staff authorized to administer the medication shall do so in accordance with administrative regulations and shall be afforded appropriate liability protection.

{cf. 5141 – Health Care and Emergencies}

Self-Administration and Monitoring

Upon written request by the parent/guardian and with the approval of the student's physician, a student with a medical condition that requires frequent treatment, monitoring, or testing may be allowed to self-administer, self-monitor, and/or self-test. The student shall observe universal precautions in the handling of blood and other bodily fluids.

{cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 – Universal Precautions}

{cf. 5141 – Health Care and Emergencies}

{cf. 5141.23 – Infectious Disease Prevention}

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

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.

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 parents/guardians to administer medication to their child at school, designate other individuals to do so on their behalf, and, with the student's authorized health care provider's approval, request the district's permission for the student 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.

The Superintendent or designee shall make epinephrine auto-injectors available at each school for providing emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction. (Education Code 49414)

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee may make naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist and stock albuterol inhalers available at each school for providing emergency medical aid to any person suffering or reasonably believed to be suffering from opioid overdose or respiratory distress. (Education Code 49414.3, 49414.7)

Because of the conflict between state and federal law regarding the legality of medicinal cannabis, the Board prohibits the administration of medicinal cannabis to students on school grounds by parents/guardians or school personnel.

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.

Administration of Medication by School Personnel

When allowed by law, medication prescribed to a student by an authorized health care provider may be administered by a school nurse or, when a school nurse or other medically licensed person is unavailable and the physician has authorized administration of medication by unlicensed personnel for a particular student, by other designated school personnel with appropriate training. School nurses and other designated school personnel shall administer medications to students in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, and, as applicable, the written statement provided by the student's parent/guardian and authorized health care provider. Such personnel shall be afforded appropriate liability protection.

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.

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.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

5 CCR 600-611

Bus. Code 2700-2837

Bus. Code 3500-3546

Bus. Code 4119.2

Bus. Code 4119.8

Ed. Code 48980

Ed. Code 49407

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Ed. Code 49408
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 Ed. Code 49468-49468.5
 Ed. Code 49480
 H&S 1799.113
 H&S Code 11362.7-11362.85

Federal References

20 USC 1232g
 20 USC 1400-1482
 21 USC 812
 21 USC 844
 29 USC 794
 34 CFR 99.30

Management Resources References

American Diabetes Association Publication
 American Diabetes Association Publication
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 Court Decision
 National Diabetes Education Program Publication
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 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
 Schedule of controlled substances
 Penalties for possession of controlled substance
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Legal Advisory on Rights of Students with Diabetes in California's K-12 Public Schools, August 2007
 Program Advisory on Medication Administration, 2005
 Glucagon Training Standards for School Personnel: Providing Emergency Medical Assistance to Pupils with Diabetes, May 2006
 American Nurses Association v. Torlakson (2013) 57 Cal.4th 570
 Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel, June 2003
[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)
[National Diabetes Education Program](#)
[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute](#)
[American Diabetes Association](#)
[California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing](#)
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