

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS

The Board of Education recognizes that students may need to take medication prescribed or ordered by an authorized health care provider to be able to fully participate in the educational program during the school day without jeopardizing their health. The Superintendent or designee shall develop processes for the administration of medication to these students. For any student with a disability, as defined under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, necessary medication shall be administered in accordance with the student's individualized education program or Section 504 services plan.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

If a parent/guardian chooses, he/she may administer the medication to his/her child at school or designate another individual who is not a school employee to do so on his/her behalf.

(cf. 1250 - Visitors / Outsiders)
(cf. 6116 - Classroom Interruptions)

When the District has received written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian, designated personnel shall assist the student in taking the medication. 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)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)

In addition, upon written request by the parent/guardian and with the approval of the student's authorized health care provider, a student with an ~~existing~~ medical condition that requires frequent monitoring, testing or treatment may be allowed to self administer, self-monitor, and/or self-test. The student shall observe universal precautions in the handling of blood and bodily fluids.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)
(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies / Special Dietary Needs)

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Administration of Medication by School Personnel

Any medication prescribed by an authorized health care provider, including an emergency anti-seizure medication for a student with epilepsy, 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 provider. (Education Code 49414.7, 49423; 5 CCR 600)

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

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management / Insurance)
(cf. 4119.42 / 4219.42 / 4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4119.43 / 4219.43 / 4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

Only a school nurse or other school employee with an appropriate medical license may administer an insulin injection to a student. In the event that no such licensed school personnel is available, the District may contract with a licensed nurse from a public or private agency to administer insulin to the student.

(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)

When unlicensed personnel are authorized by law to administer a medication, such as emergency anti-seizure medication, epinephrine auto-injector, or glucagon, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school personnel designated to administer it to students receive appropriate training 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 emergency communication access to a school nurse, physician, or other appropriate individual.

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

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

In an emergency situation such as a public disaster or epidemic, a trained, unlicensed district employee may administer medication to a student.

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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, especially:

49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student

49423.1 Inhaled asthma medication

49423.5 Specialized health care services

49426 School nurses

49480 Continuing medication regimen; notice

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

2700-2837 Nursing, especially:

2726 Authority not conferred

2727 Exceptions in general

3501 Definitions

Policy

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