

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS

The Board of Trustees 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)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

School staff who administer medication, including epinephrine auto-injections, to students shall receive training from 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.

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.

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. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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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*

49423 *Administration of prescribed medication for student*

49423.1 *Inhaled asthma medication, conditions upon which pupil may carry and self-administer 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*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

600-611 *Administering medication to students*

Management Resources:

NATIONAL DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM PUBLICATIONS

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

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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

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>

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