

Students

Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

The Board of Education recognizes that some students may need to take medication prescribed by an authorized health care provider 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. 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.

When the Superintendent or designee has received written statements from a student's authorized health care provider and parent/guardian, prescribed medication may be administered by the school nurse or other designated school personnel. (Education Code 49423; 5 CCR 600)

School staff who administer medication to students, including anaphylactic injections, 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 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.

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

Any medication prescribed by an authorized health care provider, including an emergency antiseizure 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 care 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.

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.

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
- 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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
- 1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

- 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

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