

## **Students**

BP 5141.21(a)

### **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)*  
*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*

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. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)*  
*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*  
*(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)*

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.

### **Essential Oils-Application and/or Use in Schools**

School nurses, principals and principal designees will not administer homeopathic remedies such as essential oils, or creams and lotions containing essential oils. Parents may come to school and administer such remedies to their children, unless the scent from these remedies triggers an asthmatic or allergic reaction to other students or staff in the school.

*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*  
*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*  
*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*  
*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*  
*(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)*  
*(cf. 6116 - Classroom Interruptions)*

The Superintendent or designee shall make available epinephrine auto-injectors 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)

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to make available naloxone hydrochloride or

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another opioid antagonist for emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose. (Education Code 49414.3)

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)*

### **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.

*(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)*

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, 49414.3, 49414.5, 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 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

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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  
49414.3 Emergency medical assistance; administration of medication for opioid overdose  
49414.5 Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training  
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  
3501 Definitions  
4119.2 Acquisition of epinephrine auto-injectors  
4119.8 Acquisition of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist

**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

**COURT DECISIONS**

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

Management Resources:

**AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS**

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

*Training Standards for the Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors*, rev. 2015

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

*Program Advisory on Medication Administration*, 2005

**NATIONAL DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM PUBLICATIONS**

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

WEB SITES

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

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

California Department of Education: <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>

Policy

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