

**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.

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 students without a 504 Plan or IEP, 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 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 with approval from the child's authorized health care provider. Such processes shall be implemented in a manner that preserves campus security, minimizes instructional interruptions, and promotes student safety and privacy. Students may only carry and self-administer asthma inhalers, auto-injectable epinephrine, or insulin (all diabetic care).

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 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.

When allowed by law, medication prescribed to a student by an authorized health care provider may be administered by a licensed nurse. When a licensed nurse is unavailable, and the physician has authorized administration of medication by unlicensed personnel for a particular student, it may be administered 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. (Education Code 49414, 49414.3, 49414.5, 49423, 49423.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain documentation of the training.

The Board of Education 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.~~

~~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)~~

~~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.~~

#### 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>

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