

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS

The Governing Board recognizes that students may need to take prescribed medication during the school day in order to be able to attend school without jeopardizing their health.

When the district has received written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian detailing the type of medication, dosage amount, administration method, and administration time, designated personnel shall assist the student in taking the medication. Medication will be given to the school in a pharmacy labeled bottle that includes the student's name, name of the physician, medication and dosage of medication to be given. Under no circumstances are school personnel to provide any medication to student's without proper authorization from a physician, including over-the-counter 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)

Upon written request by the parent/guardian and with the approval of the student's physician, a student with an existing medical condition that requires frequent monitoring, testing or treatment may be allowed to self administer this service. The student shall observe universal precautions in the handling of blood and bodily fluids.

Anaphylactic Injections

The Board recognizes that some students have allergies of such severity that they may require an emergency anaphylactic injection during the course of the school day. Parents/guardians who are aware of this foreseeable need may ask the district to provide such injections in accordance with administrative regulations. All medication for injections shall be labeled with the student's name, type of medicine, and expiration date. As with any medication, a physician's signature and parent/guardian signature on the proper form is required.

School staff who may be required to administer anaphylactic injections shall receive training from qualified medical personnel. They will be authorized to administer the injections in accordance with administrative regulations and will be accorded appropriate liability protection.

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The principal or designee (school nurse) shall schedule inservice meetings to:

1. Familiarize authorized staff with the prescribed medication and its location
2. Ensure that authorized staff are competent to administer anaphylactic injections.
3. Train all school personnel to recognize the symptoms of anaphylactic reactions.

Physicians and parents/guardians of students who may require anaphylactic injections may be invited to attend these meetings.

The principal or designee shall prepare a list naming the student who may need emergency anaphylactic injects. This list shall be given to all concerned staff and updated annually. The principal or designee shall post, in the school health office, a list of symptoms usually associated with anaphylactic reactions and a clear, specific procedure for administering injections in case of emergency. If authorized staff are not available at the time of an emergency, this written procedures will be followed by anyone who must administer the injection in order to save a life.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49407	Liability for treatment
49408	Emergency information
49423	Administration of prescribed medication for student
49423.5	Specialized health care services
49426	School nurses
49480	Continuing medication regimen; notice

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

2700-2837	Nursing
2726	Authority not conferred
2727	Exception in general