

## **Student Medication**

Any pupil needing to take medication during a regular school day may be assisted by the school nurse or other designated trained school personnel. The following information is needed before medication is given:

1. A written statement from such physician detailing method, amount, and time schedule (California Education Code Section 49423). It is recommended that the written statement from the physician detailing method, amount, and time schedule be required in all cases and should be submitted annually.
2. A written statement from parent or guardian indicating desire that medication be given as prescribed (California Education Code Section 49423).
3. The parent shall inform the school nurse or other designated certificated school employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the family physician (California Education Code Section 49480).
4. The school nurse, with consent of parent or legal guardian, may communicate with physician and may counsel with school personnel regarding the effect of medication on the pupil (California Education Code Section 49480).
5. The superintendent shall be responsible for informing all parents of the above requirements (California Education Code Section 49480).
6. In some cases, the physician may order that the student carry the medication with him or her at all times. The most common examples are inhalers for Asthma and EpiPens for severe allergies. The order from the physician must specifically state this and the school nurse must be notified. Medication safety steps will be reviewed with the student.