



STUDENTS

BP 5141.21

**POLICY – ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS**

The County 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 other students during school or school-related activities, the County Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols which shall include options for allowing a parent/guardian to administer medication to their child at school, designate other individuals to do so on the parent/guardian's behalf, and, with the child's authorized health care provider's approval, request the County Education Office's permission for the parent/guardian's 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.

The County Superintendent or designee shall make epinephrine auto-injectors available 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 County Superintendent or designee shall make naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist available for emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose. (Education Code 49414.3)

Because of the conflict between state and federal law regarding the legality of medicinal cannabis, the County Board prohibits the administration of medicinal cannabis to students on school grounds by parents/guardians or school personnel.

The County 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.

## **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.

The County 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 County 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.

Legal Reference:

### **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE**

2700-2837 Nursing, especially

3500-3546 Physician assistants

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

### **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

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11362.7-11362.85 Medical cannabis

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 21

812 Schedule of controlled substances

844 Penalties for possession of controlled substance

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

COURT DECISION

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](#)

[American Diabetes Association](#)

[California Department of Education](#)

[National Diabetes Education Program](#)

[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, Blood Institute, asthma information](#)

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