

Policy 5141.21 Administering Medication and Monitoring Health

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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 be able 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 Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols which shall include options for allowing parents/guardians to administer medication to their child at school, designate other individuals to do so on their behalf, and, with the student's authorized health care provider's approval, request the district's permission for the student 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 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)

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee may make naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist and stock albuterol inhalers available at each school for providing emergency medical aid to any person suffering or reasonably believed to be suffering from opioid overdose or respiratory distress. (Education Code 49414.3, 49414.7)

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

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.

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 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. 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.

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Policy Reference Disclaimers

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 600-611	Administering medication to students
Bus. Code 2700-2837	Nursing
Bus. Code 3500-3546	Physician assistants
Bus. Code 4119.2	Acquisition of epinephrine auto-injectors
Bus. Code 4119.8	Acquisition of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Ed. Code 49407	Liability for treatment
Ed. Code 49408	Student emergency information
Ed. Code 49414	Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors
Ed. Code 49414.3	Emergency medical assistance; administration of medication for opioid overdose
Ed. Code 49414.4	Opioid Misuse
Ed. Code 49414.5	Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training
Ed. Code 49414.7	Emergency albuterol inhalers

Ed. Code 49414.8	Funding for emergency opioid antagonists; requirements
Ed. Code 49422-49427	Employment of medical personnel
Ed. Code 49423	Administration of prescribed medication for student
Ed. Code 49423.1	Inhaled asthma medication
Ed. Code 49426.5	Licensed vocational nurses
Ed. Code 49468-49468.5	The Seizure Safe Schools Act
Ed. Code 49480	Continuing medication regimen; notice
H&S 1799.113	Opioid overdose treatment
H&S Code 11362.7-11362.85	Medicinal cannabis
Federal	Description
20 USC 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
20 USC 1400-1482	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
21 USC 812	Schedule of controlled substances
21 USC 844	Penalties for possession of controlled substance
29 USC 794	Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504
34 CFR 99.30	Conditions under which prior written consent is required to disclose information
Management Resources	Description
American Diabetes Association Publication	Legal Advisory on Rights of Students with Diabetes in California's K-12 Public Schools, August 2007
American Diabetes Association Publication	Program Advisory on Medication Administration, 2005
American Diabetes Association Publication	Glucagon Training Standards for School Personnel: Providing Emergency Medical Assistance to Pupils with Diabetes, May 2006
Court Decision	American Nurses Association v. Torlakson (2013) 57 Cal.4th 570
National Diabetes Education Program Publication	Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel, June 2003
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	National Diabetes Education Program
Website	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Website	American Diabetes Association
Website	California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing
Website	CSBA
Website	California Department of Public Health

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