Asthma Management

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The Board of Education desires to provide support systems for students with asthma in order to reduce school absences, help ensure that such students receive appropriate intervention if symptoms occur at school and enable them to participate in the educational program and school activities to the extent possible.

The Superintendent or designee shall involve school nurses, other health professionals, school administrators, and health educators in the development of strategies to help provide a healthy and safe school environment for students with asthma. The Superintendent or designee may also involve school health councils or committees and other interested persons to ensure that the district's strategies are coordinated with other school health programs and practices.

District strategies shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for identifying and addressing individual student needs, providing effective professional development on asthma symptoms and staff responsibilities, and identifying and reducing environmental factors at schools that may trigger and/or worsen asthma symptoms.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:
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.

Legal References:

STATE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
5 CCR 600-611 Administering medication to students
EDUCATION CODE
49407 Liability for treatment
49408 Student emergency information
49414.5 Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training
49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student
49423.5 Specialized health care services
49426 School nurses
49480 Continuing medication regimen; notice
51880-51921 Comprehensive health education
FEDERAL
UNITED STATES CODE
20 USC 1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
20 USC 1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
29 USC 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504
42 USC 280g Children's asthma treatment grant program
MANAGEMENT RESOURCES
CSBA PUBLICATION
Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008
Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATION
Joint Guidance on the Application of FERPA and HIPAA to Student Health Records, November 2008

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PUBLICATION
Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools
WEBSITES
CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/#
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/index.htm#asthma
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) http://www.epa.gov/asthma
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/asthma
American School Health Association http://www.ashaweb.org/
California School Nurses Organization http://www.csno.org/
American Lung Association http://www.lungusa.org/
California Department of Public Health http://www.cdph.ca.gov/
CSBA http://www.csba.org/

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