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Administering Medication

Registered Nurses employed by the district as School Nurses may administer specified medications on an approved list to students whose parents/guardians have given signed permission (via electronic or signed emergency card) for the nurse to do so. No medications are to be administered except through procedures established in consultation with a licensed physician.

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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 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 Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols which shall include options for allowing a parent/guardian to administer medication to his/her child at school, designate other individuals to do so on his/her behalf, and, with the child's authorized health care provider's approval, request the district's permission for his/her 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 Superintendent or designee may make available epinephrine auto-injectors at each school for providing emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction upon recommendation of a health care provider. (Education Code 49414)

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

The Superintendent or designee may 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.



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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. (Education Code 49414, 49414.3, 49414.5, 49423, 49423.1)

LEGAL REFERENCE:

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 pupil
49423.1	Inhaled asthma medication
49480	Continuing medication regimen; notice



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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

- 2700-2837 Nursing, especially:
- 2726 Authority not conferred
- 2727 Exceptions in general
- 3501 Definitions
- 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

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 29

- 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

COURT DECISIONS

- American Nurses Association v. Torlakson, (2013) 57 Cal.4th 570

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