

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education 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 shall have an opportunity to participate in the educational program.

For the administration of medication to 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.

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.

The Superintendent or designee shall 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. (Education Code 49414)

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to make available naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist 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 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. (Education Code 49414, 49414.3, 49414.5, 49423, 49423.1)

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.

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 student
- 49423.1: Inhaled asthma medication
- 49480: Continuing medication regimen; notice

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

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: <http://www.csba.org>

American Diabetes Association: <http://www.diabetes.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>

National Diabetes Education Program: <http://www.ndep.nih.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, Blood Institute, asthma information: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/index.htm#asthma>

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