

Policy 5141.21: Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions

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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 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 a ~~parent/guardian~~ **parents/guardians** to administer medication to ~~his/her~~ **their** child at school, designate other individuals to do so on ~~his/her~~ **their** behalf, and, with the ~~child's~~ **student's** authorized health care provider's approval, request the district's permission for ~~his/her~~ **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 ~~available~~ 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 Board authorizes ~~In accordance with law,~~ the Superintendent or designee to ~~may~~ make available naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist ~~for~~ **and stock albuterol inhalers available at each school for providing** emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an 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. (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.

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.

State References

5 CCR 600-611
 Bus. Code 2700-2837
 Bus. Code 3500-3546
 Bus. Code 4119.2
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 Ed. Code 48980
 Ed. Code 49407
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Federal References

20 USC 1232g
 20 USC 1400-1482
 21 USC 812
 21 USC 844
 29 USC 794
 34 CFR 99.30

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[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\) of 1974](#)
[Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#)
[Schedule of controlled substances](#)
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Management Resources References

American Diabetes Association Publication
 American Diabetes Association Publication
 American Diabetes Association Publication
 Court Decision
 National Diabetes Education Program Publication
 Website

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[Legal Advisory on Rights of Students with Diabetes in California's K-12 Public Schools, August 2007](#)
[Program Advisory on Medication Administration, 2005](#)
[Glucagon Training Standards for School Personnel: Providing Emergency Medical Assistance to Pupils with Diabetes, May 2006](#)
[American Nurses Association v. Torlakson \(2013\) 57 Cal.4th 570](#)
[Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel, June 2003](#)
[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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