

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 5141.21

ADOPTED: 01/27/14

CLASSIFICATION: Students

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SUBJECT: Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

The Governing Board recognizes that during the school day, some students may need to take medication prescribed by an authorized health care provider to be able to fully participate in the educational program. The Superintendent or designee shall develop processes for the administration of medication to these students. For any student with a disability, as defined under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, necessary medication shall be administered in accordance with the student's individualized education program or Section 504 services plan.

If a parent/guardian chooses, he/she may administer the medication to his/her child at school or designate another adult or family member who is not a school employee to do so on his/her behalf.

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.

In addition, upon written request by the parent/guardian and with the approval of the student's authorized health care provider, a student with a medical condition that necessitates frequent treatment, monitoring, or testing may be allowed to self-administer, self-monitor, and/or self-test. The student shall observe universal precautions in the handling of blood and other bodily fluids.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

School nurses and other designated school personnel shall administer medications in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall be afforded appropriate liability protection.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school personnel designated to administer medication to students receive appropriate training 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 emergency communication access to a school nurse, physician, or other appropriate individual.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain documentation of the training, ongoing supervision, as well as annual written verification of competency of such 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
49413.3 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. O'Connell, (2013) 57 Cal.4th 570 (2010) 185 Cal.App.4th 393

Management Resources:

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Glucagon Training Standards for School Personnel: Providing Emergency Medical Assistance to Pupils with Diabetes, May 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEGAL ADVISORIES

Legal Advisory on Rights of Students with Diabetes in California's K-12 Public Schools, August 2007

Program Advisory on Medication Administration (2005)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Training Standards for the Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, Rev. 2015

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, Health Services and School Nursing:
<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>