

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

The Governing Board is committed to providing a quality educational program for all students and recognizes that many students with medical needs are able to participate in the educational system because of the effectiveness of the medication they take. As such, the Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for employees regarding the administration of medication in the schools that ensure proper physician and parental authorization for the administration of medication and for the delivery, storage, and disposal of medication. Procedures for the administration of medication at school must specify staff responsibilities and ensure that professional and legal requirements for the administration of medication at school are followed.

The Board prefers that whenever possible medication is administered by licensed medical personnel. In the absence of licensed medical personnel and as the law permits, properly trained unlicensed assistive personnel may administer medication under the direct or indirect supervision of a school nurse. In some circumstances students may carry necessary emergency medications such as needed diabetes supplies, medications, asthma inhalers, or epinephrine auto-injectors, if ordered by the student's physician and may self-administer such medication with the written permission of a physician and the student's parent.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[49423](#)-Administration of prescribed medications for pupil

49423.1-Inhaled asthma medication: conditions upon which pupil may carry and self-administer medication; disciplinary action for noncompliance

49423.5-Specialized physical health care services

49423.6-Medication:administration in public schools

[49414](#) Authority of school district to provide emergency epinephrine auto-injectors

[49414.5](#) Absence of credential or other licensed nurse onsite: provision of emergency care to pupils with diabetes suffering from severe hypoglycemia: standards; self testing and monitoring glucose levels.

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[5193](#) Division 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter 3, Article 4.1 sections 600-613

California Program Advisory on Medication Administration, 2005

Nursing Practice Act

California Business and Professions Code

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