Students

Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

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.

Administration of Medication by School Personnel

Any medication prescribed by an authorized health care provider, including, but not limited to, emergency antiseizure medication for a student who suffers epileptic seizures, auto-injectable epinephrine, insulin, or glucagon, may be administered by the school nurse or other designated school personnel only when the Superintendent or designee has received written statements from both the student's parent/guardian and authorized health care provider.

When medically unlicensed school personnel are authorized by law to administer any medication to students, such as emergency antiseizure medication, auto-injectable epinephrine, insulin, or glucagon, 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.

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
49414 - Providing emergency epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses or trained personnel; use of injectors; school procedures
49414.5 - Absence of credentialed or other licensed nurse onsite; provisions of emergency care to pupils with diabetes suffering from severe hypoglycemia standards; self-testing and monitoring glucose levels
49414.7 - Absence of credentialed or other licensed nurse onsite; program to allow nonmedical employees to volunteer to provide medical assistance to pupils with epilepsy suffering from seizures; training; eligibility of students for Section 504 plan or individualized education plan; civil liability; compensation; guidelines; notification of administration of medication
49423 - Administration of prescribed medication for pupil
49423.1 - Inhaled asthma medication; conditions upon which pupil may carry and self-administer medication; disciplinary action for non compliance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
5CCR 600

BOARD POLICIES
5241 – Medical Assistance or Aid
5243 - Infectious Diseases

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