

STUDENTS

SUBJECT: Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize that some students may need to take medication prescribed by a physician during the school day in order to be able to attend school without jeopardizing their health. The County Superintendent or designee shall develop processes for the administration of medication to such students by school personnel.

(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

Only when the County Office of Education has received written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian, the school nurse or designated personnel shall assist the student in taking the medication. In addition, upon written request, designated personnel may assist the student in monitoring, testing or other treatment of an existing medical condition. (Education Code 49423)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)

Self-Administration and Monitoring

Upon written request by the parent/guardian and with the approval of the student's physician, a student with an existing medical condition that requires 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.

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

School staff who administer medication, including epinephrine auto-injections, to students shall receive training from qualified medical personnel on how such medication should be administered as well as training in the proper documentation and storage of the medication.

Staff authorized to administer the medication shall do so in accordance with administrative regulations and shall be afforded appropriate liability protection.

If the parent/guardian so chooses, he/she may administer the medication to his/her child. In addition, the parent/guardian may designate another individual who is not a school

employee to administer the medication to the student.

Anaphylactic Injections

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent recognize that some students have allergies of such severity that they may require an emergency anaphylactic injection during the course of the school day. Parents/guardians who are aware of this foreseeable need may ask the County Office of Education to provide such injections in accordance with administrative regulations.

School staff who may be required to administer anaphylactic injections shall receive training from qualified medical personnel. They will be authorized to administer the injections in accordance with administrative regulations and will be afforded appropriate liability protection.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49407 Liability for treatment

49408 Emergency information

49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student

49423.5 Specialized health care services

49426 School nurses

49480 Continuing medication regimen; notice

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

2700-2837 Nursing, especially:

2726 Authority not conferred

2727 Exceptions in general