

# Mt. Diablo USD

## Board Policy

### Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

#### BP 5141.21 Students

The Governing Board recognizes that students may need to take medication prescribed by a physician during the school day in order to be able to attend school.

When the district has received written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian, 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)

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 monitoring, testing or treatment 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. 5141.23—Infectious Disease Prevention)

#### Anaphylactic Injections

The Board recognizes 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 district to provide such injections in accordance with administrative regulations by completing "Authorization to Administer Medication During School Hours" form.

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)

The Governing Board recognizes that during the school day, some students may need to take medication prescribed or ordered by an authorized health care provider, to be functional at school and 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.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

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

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 6116 - Classroom Interruptions)

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 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. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

#### Administration of Medication by School Personnel

Any medication prescribed by an authorized health care provider 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. (Education Code 49423; 5 CCR 600)

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.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

Only a school nurse or other school employee with an appropriate medical license may administer an insulin injection to a student. In the event such licensed school personnel are unavailable, the district may contract with a licensed nurse from a public or private agency to administer insulin to the student. However, in an emergency situation such as a public disaster or epidemic, a trained, unlicensed district employee may administer an insulin injection to a student.

(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)

To the extent that the administration of a medication, such as epinephrine auto-injector or glucagon, is authorized by law, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that unlicensed personnel designated to administer it 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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE:

~~48980 Notification at beginning of term~~

~~49407 Liability for treatment~~

~~49408 Emergency information~~

~~49414 Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors~~

~~49414.5 Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training~~

~~49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student~~

~~49423.1 Inhaled asthma medication, conditions upon which pupil may carry and self-administer medication~~

~~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~~

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

~~600-611 Administering medication to students~~

Management Resources:

NATIONAL DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM PUBLICATIONS

~~Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel, June, 2003~~

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

~~Training Standards for the Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, December, 2004~~

WEB SITES

~~American Diabetes Association: <http://www.diabetes.org>  
California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing:  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>  
Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung  
and Blood Institute, asthma information:  
<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/index.htm#asthma>~~

Legal Reference:

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29  
794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

COURT DECISIONS

American Nurses Association v. O'Connell, (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

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Training Standards for the Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, December 2004

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>

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