

REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS

Definitions

Authorized health care provider means an individual who is licensed by the State of California to prescribe or order medication, including, but not limited to, a physician or physician assistant. (Education Code 49423; 5 CCR 601)

Other designated school personnel ~~may include any individual employed by the district~~ **means any individual employed by the district, including a nonmedical school employee**, who has **volunteered or** consented to administer the medication or otherwise assist the student and who may legally administer the medication to the student or assist the student in the administration of the medication. (5 CCR 601, **621**)

Medication may include not only a substance dispensed in the United States by prescription, but also a substance that does not require a prescription, such as over-the-counter remedies, nutritional supplements, and herbal remedies. (5 CCR 601)

Emergency medical assistance for a student suffering an epileptic seizure means the administration of an emergency antiseizure medication such as diazepam rectal gel and other emergency medications approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for patients suffering from epileptic seizures. (Education Code 49414.7; 5 CCR 621)

Epinephrine auto-injector means a disposable drug delivery system with a spring-activated needle that is designed for emergency administration of epinephrine to provide rapid, convenient first aid for persons suffering anaphylaxis, a potentially fatal reaction. (Education Code 49414)

Anaphylaxis means a potentially life-threatening hypersensitivity to a substance, which may result from an insect sting, food allergy, drug reaction, exercise, or other cause. Symptoms may include shortness of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing, difficulty talking or swallowing, hives, itching, swelling, shock, or asthma. (Education Code 49414)

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

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

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At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the options available to students who need to take prescribed medication during the school day and the rights and responsibilities of parents/guardians regarding those options. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the parents/guardians of any student on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition of the following requirements: (Education Code 49480)

1. The parent/guardian is required to inform the school nurse or other designated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician.
2. With the parent/guardian's consent, the school nurse or other designated employee may communicate with the student's physician regarding the medication and its effects and may counsel school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the student's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the parent/guardian of any student who may need medication during the school day shall include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Providing parent/guardian and authorized health care provider written statements each school year as described in the sections "Parent/Guardian Statement" and "Health Care Provider Statement" below. The parent/guardian shall provide a new authorized health care provider's statement if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes. (Education Code 49414.5, 49414.7, 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 600, 626)***

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2. If the student is on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition, informing the school nurse or other designated certificated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician and updating the information when needed. (Education Code 49480)

3. If the student suffers from epilepsy, notifying the principal or designee whenever the student has had an emergency antiseizure medication administered to him/her within the past four hours on a school day. (Education Code 49414.7)

4. Providing medications in properly labeled, original containers along with the authorized health care provider's instructions. For prescribed or ordered medication, the container also shall bear the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's identification, and the name and phone number of the authorized health care provider. (5 CCR 606)

Parent/Guardian Statement

When district employees are to administer medication to a student, the parent/guardian's written statement shall:

1. Identify the student
2. Grant permission for an authorized district representative to communicate directly with the student's authorized health care provider and pharmacist, as may be necessary, regarding the authorized health care provider's written statement or any other questions that may arise with regard to the medication
3. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands how district employees will administer or otherwise assist the student in the administration of medication
4. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands his/her responsibilities to enable district employees to administer or otherwise assist the student in the administration of medication including, but not limited to, the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide a written statement from the authorized health care provider, to ensure that the medication is delivered to the school in a proper container by an individual legally authorized to be in possession of the medication, and to provide all necessary supplies and equipment

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5. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian may terminate consent for such administration *of the medication or for otherwise assisting the student in administration of medication* at any time

In addition to the requirements in items #1-5 above, if a parent/guardian has requested that his/her child be allowed to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication, the parent/guardian's written statement shall: (Education Code 49423, 49423.1)

1. Consent to the self-administration
2. Release the district and school personnel from civil liability if the student suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering the medication

In addition to the requirements in items #1-5 above, if a parent/guardian wishes to designate an individual who is not an employee of the district to administer medication to his/her child, the parent/guardian's written statement shall clearly identify the individual and shall state:

1. The individual's willingness to accept the designation
2. That the individual is permitted to be on the school site
3. Any limitations on the individual's authority

Health Care Provider Statement

When **any** district employees ~~are~~ **is** to administer medication to a student, or when a student is to be allowed to carry and self-administer ~~prescription diabetes medication,~~ auto-injectable epinephrine, or ~~prescription inhaled~~ **prescribed diabetes or** asthma medication during school hours, the authorized health care provider's written statement shall include:

1. Clear identification of the student (Education Code 49414.7, 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602, **626**)
2. The name of the medication (Education Code 49414.7, 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602, **626**)

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3. The method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken (Education Code 49414.7, 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602, **626**)
4. If a parent/guardian has requested that his/her child be allowed to self-administer medication, confirmation that the student is able to self-administer the medication (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)
5. For medication that is to be administered on an as-needed basis, the specific symptoms that would necessitate administration of the medication, allowable frequency for administration, and indications for referral for medical evaluation
6. Possible side effects of the medication
7. Name, address, telephone number and signature of the student's authorized health care provider

When authorizing a district employee to administer emergency antiseizure medication to a student, the authorized health care provider's written statement shall also include the following: (Education Code 49414.7, **5 CCR 626**)

1. Detailed seizure symptoms, including frequency, type, or length of seizures that identify when the administration of the medication becomes necessary
- 2. Any potential adverse responses by the student and recommended mitigation actions, including when to call emergency services**
3. A protocol for observing the student after a seizure, including, but not limited to, whether he/she should rest in the school office or return to his/her class, the length of time for direct observation, ~~and a requirement to contact the school nurse and the student's parent/guardian to continue the observation plan~~
- 4. A statement that, following a seizure, a school administrator or other staff member shall contact the school nurse and the student's parent/guardian to continue the observation plan**

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District Responsibilities

The school nurse or other designated school personnel shall:

1. Administer or assist in administering the medication in accordance with the authorized health care provider's written statement
2. Accept delivery of medication from the student's parent/guardian and count and record them upon receipt
3. Maintain a list of students needing medication during the school day, ~~and~~ **including** those authorized to self-administer medications, and note on the list the type of medication and the times and dosage to be administered
4. Maintain a medication log which may:
 - a. Specify the student's name, medication, dose, method of administration, time of administration during the regular school day, date(s) on which the student is required to take the medication, and the authorized health care provider's name and contact information
 - b. Contain space for daily recording of the date, time, and amount of medication administered, and the signature of the individual administering the medication
5. Maintain **for each student** a medication record which may include the authorized health care provider's written statement, the parent/guardian's written statement, the medication log, and any other written documentation related to the administration of medication to the student
6. Ensure that student confidentiality is appropriately maintained

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

7. Coordinate **and, as appropriate, ensure** the administration of medication during field trips and after-school activities

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

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(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

8. Report to the parent/guardian and the site administrator any refusal of a student to take his/her medication

9. Keep all medication to be administered by the district in a locked drawer or cabinet

10. As needed, communicate with ~~the~~ *a student's* authorized health care provider and/or pharmacist regarding the medication and its effects

11. Counsel other designated school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the student's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose

12. Ensure that unused, discontinued, and outdated medication is returned to the student's parent/guardian at the end of the school year or, if the medication cannot be returned, dispose of it in accordance with state laws and local ordinances

13. Provide immediate medical assistance if needed and report to the site administrator, ~~and the student's~~ parent/guardian, *and, if necessary, the student's authorized health care provider any* instances when the medication is not administered properly, including administration of the wrong medication or failure to administer the medication in accordance with authorized health care provider's written statement

~~Upon receiving such notification, the site administrator may notify the student's authorized health care provider and shall document the error in the medication log.~~

Additional Requirements for Management of Epileptic Seizures

In addition to other applicable provisions in ~~preceding~~ *the* sections *above*, the Superintendent or designee shall make arrangements for assisting students with epilepsy who may suffer a seizure at school. Such arrangements shall include the following:
(Education Code 49414.7; **5 CCR 620-627**)

~~1. The notification of any parent/guardian who requests that a nonmedical district employee be trained to provide emergency medical assistance to his/her child that the child may qualify for services or accommodations under a Section 504 plan or an individualized education program (IEP).~~

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1. Services or Accommodations: Whenever a parent/guardian requests that a nonmedical district employee be trained to provide emergency medical assistance to his/her child, the parent/guardian shall be notified that the child may qualify for services or accommodations pursuant to 20 USC 1400-1482, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), or 29 USC 794, Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504).

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall assist the parent/guardian to explore that option and shall encourage him/her to adopt the option if the student is determined to be eligible for such service or accommodation.

~~(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)~~

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

~~2. The creation of an individualized health plan, seizure action plan, or other appropriate health plan designed to acknowledge and prepare for the child's health care needs in school, if a parent/guardian refuses to have his/her child assessed for services or accommodations under the Section 504 plan or an IEP.~~ ***If the student's parent/guardian refuses to have him/her assessed for services or accommodations under IDEA or Section 504, the Superintendent or designee may develop an individualized health plan, seizure action plan, or other appropriate health plan designed to acknowledge and prepare for the student's health care needs in school.***

2. Request for Volunteers: The Superintendent or designee shall distribute ~~The distribution of an electronic notice to school staff no more than twice per school year, for each~~ ***per*** student whose parent/guardian has requested provision of emergency medical assistance pursuant to Education Code 49414.7. The notice shall be in bold print and, in accordance with Education Code 49414.7, shall contain a description of the volunteer request, the training that the volunteer will receive, the voluntary nature of the program, and the timelines for the volunteer to rescind his/her offer. ***No other means of soliciting volunteer school employees shall be conducted.***

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9) – Employee Notifications)

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If no employee volunteers to administer emergency antiseizure medication to a student, the Superintendent or designee shall ~~re-notify~~ **again notify** the student's parent/guardian of the option to ~~be~~ **have the student** assessed for services and accommodations under **IDEA or** Section 504, ~~and the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.~~

3. **Training:** ~~An assurance that~~ Any employee who volunteers to administer an emergency antiseizure medication receives **from a licensed health care professional the** training ~~from a licensed health care professional~~ **specified in 5 CCR 623** before administering such medication. **The training shall include, but is not limited to:**

a. Recognition and treatment of different types of seizures

b. Administration of an emergency antiseizure medication

c. Basic emergency follow-up procedures, including, but not limited to, a requirement for the principal or designee to call the emergency 911 telephone number and to contact the student's parent/guardian, but not necessarily to transport the student to an emergency room

d. Techniques and procedures to ensure student privacy

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

When a trained employee has not administered an emergency antiseizure medication to a student within two years after completing the training **and a student who may need the administration of an emergency antiseizure medication is enrolled in the school**, ~~he/she shall attend a new training program~~ **the employee shall be retrained in order** to retain the ability to administer an emergency antiseizure medication.

4. **Notification of Administration:** **The Superintendent or designee shall establish a** process for notifying the credentialed school nurse, **or the** Superintendent or designee as applicable, whenever an employee administers an emergency antiseizure medication to a student at a school site.

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5. Supervision of Volunteers: Volunteer school employees shall be supervised by a licensed health care professional in accordance with 5 CCR 627.

Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

The Superintendent or designee shall provide epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses or other employees who have volunteered to administer them in an emergency and have received training. The school nurse, or a volunteer employee when a school nurse or physician is unavailable, may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to provide emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from potentially life-threatening symptoms of anaphylaxis at school or a school activity. (Education Code 49414)

At least once per school year, the Superintendent or designee shall distribute to all staff a notice requesting volunteers to be trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector and describing the training that the volunteer will receive. (Education Code 49414)

The principal or designee at each school may designate one or more volunteers to receive initial and annual refresher training, which shall be provided by a school nurse or other qualified person designated by a physician and surgeon authorized pursuant to Education Code 49414, and shall be based on the standards developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Written materials covering the required topics for training shall be retained by the school for reference. (Education Code 49414)

A school nurse or other qualified supervisor of health, or a district administrator if the district does not have a qualified supervisor of health, shall obtain a prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors for each school from an authorized physician and surgeon. Such prescription may be filled by local or mail order pharmacies or epinephrine auto-injector manufacturers. Elementary schools shall, at a minimum, be provided one adult (regular) and one junior epinephrine auto-injector. Secondary schools shall be provided at least one adult (regular) epinephrine auto-injector, unless there are any students at the school who require a junior epinephrine auto-injector. (Education Code 49414)

If an epinephrine auto-injector is used, the school nurse or other qualified supervisor of health shall restock the epinephrine auto-injector as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than two weeks after it is used. In addition, epinephrine auto-injectors shall be restocked before their expiration date. (Education Code 49414)

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Information regarding defense and indemnification provided by the district for any and all civil liability for volunteers administering epinephrine auto-injectors shall be provided to each volunteer and retained in his/her personnel file. (Education Code 49414)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

A school may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the support of the school in carrying of the requirements of Education Code 49414, including, but not limited to, the acceptance of epinephrine auto-injectors from a manufacturer or wholesaler. (Education Code 49414)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records regarding the acquisition and disposition of epinephrine auto-injectors for a period of three years from the date the records were created. (Business and Professions Code 4119.2)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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