**Students** BP 5141.21

**ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS**

The Governing Board recognizes that some students may need to take medication prescribed by a physician during the school day in order to be able to attend school. The Executive Director or designee shall develop processes for the administration of medication to such students by school personnel.

**Self-Administration and Monitoring**

Upon written request by the parent/guardian and with the approval of the student's physician, 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. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)*

*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*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*

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