

**EL DORADO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY**

Students

**ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND
MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS
BP 5141.21**

The Governing Board recognizes that certain students may need to take medication prescribed by their health care provider during the regular school day in order to be able to attend school. The 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 Plan)

When the Superintendent or designee has received written statements from the student's authorized health care provider and parent/guardian, prescribed medication may be administered by the school nurse or other designated school personnel. 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; 5 CCR 600)*

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

All medications administered at school, even if they are sold over the counter, must be prescribed by a health care provider; this includes food supplements and herbal products.

Designated school personnel authorized to administer the medication shall do so in accordance with administrative regulations and will 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.

SELF-ADMINISTRATION AND MONITORING

Upon written request by the parent/guardian and with the approval of the student's health care provider, a student with a medical condition that requires frequent monitoring, testing, or treatment may be allowed to self administer, self-monitor, or self-test. The student shall observe universal precautions in the handling of blood and body fluids.

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

**ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND
MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS (continued)**

BP 5141.21

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 pupil

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 Notice to school by parent or guardian; consultation with physician

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>