

HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of taking appropriate action whenever an emergency threatens the safety, health, or welfare of a student at school or during school-sponsored activities.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to ensure that first aid and/or medical attention is provided as quickly as possible when student accidents and injuries occur and that parents/guardians are notified as appropriate.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee shall ask parents/guardians to provide emergency contact information in order to facilitate communication in the event of an accident or illness.

District staff shall appropriately report and document student accidents.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32040-32044 *First aid equipment*

49300-49307 *School safety patrols*

49407 *Liability for treatment*

49408 *Emergency information*

49409 *Athletic events; physicians and surgeons; emergency medical care; immunity*

49470 *Medical and hospital services for athletic program*

49471 *Medical and hospital services not provided or available*

49472 *Medical and hospital services for pupils*

49474 *Ambulance services*

51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

CIVIL CODE

1714.21 *Defibrillators; CPR; immunity from civil liability*

FAMILY CODE

6550-6552 *Caregivers*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1797.196 *Automatic external defibrillators, immunity from civil liability*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 *California Bloodborne Pathogens Standard*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

American Heart Association: <http://www.americanheart.org>

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>

California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov>

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Emergency Contact Information

In order to facilitate contact in case of an emergency or accident, parents/guardians shall furnish the principal or designee with the information specified below:

1. Home address and telephone number
2. Parent/guardian's business address and telephone number
3. Parent/guardian's cell phone number and e-mail address, if applicable
4. Name, address, and telephone number of a relative or friend to whom the student may be released and who is authorized by the parent/guardian to care for the student in cases of emergency or when the parent/guardian cannot be reached
5. Local physician to call in case of emergency

(cf. 5021 - Noncustodial Parents)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

Consent by Caregiver

Any person 18 years of age and older who files with the district a completed caregiver's authorization affidavit for a minor district student shall have the right to consent to or refuse school-related medical care on behalf of the student. The caregiver's authorization shall be invalid if the district receives notice from the caregiver that the minor student is no longer living with the caregiver. (Family Code 6550)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

The caregiver's consent to medical care shall be superseded by any contravening decision of the parent or other person having legal custody of the student, provided that this contravening decision does not jeopardize the student's life, health, or safety. (Family Code 6550)

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 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)

Prescribed medication may be administered by the school nurse or other designated school personnel only when the Superintendent or designee has received written statements from both a student's physician and parent/guardian. (Education Code 49423; 5 CCR 600)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

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.

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: (see next page)

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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>

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS**Definitions**

Other designated school personnel may include any individual employed by the district who has consented to administer the medication or otherwise assist the student, and who may legally administer the medication. (5 CCR 601)

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)

Notifications to Parents/Guardians

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that students who need to take prescribed medication during the school day may be assisted by a school nurse or designated school personnel or allowed to self-administer certain medication as long as the district receives written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48980, 49423)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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

Before a designated employee administers or assists in the administration of any prescribed medication to any student or any student is allowed to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication during school hours, the district shall have a written statement from the student's physician and a written statement from the student's parent/guardian. (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 600)

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The physician's written statement shall clearly: (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)

1. Identify the student
2. Identify the medication
3. Specify the method, amount and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken
4. Contain the name, address, telephone number and signature of the physician
5. If a parent/guardian has requested that his/her child be allowed to self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication, confirm that the student is able to self-administer the medication

The parent/guardian's written statement shall:

1. Identify the student
2. Grant permission for the authorized district representative to communicate directly with the student's physician, as may be necessary, regarding the physician'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 physician and 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
5. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian may terminate consent for such administration at any time

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 also: (Education Code 49423, 49423.1)

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

The parent/guardian shall annually provide the Superintendent or designee a new written statement from himself/herself and the student's physician. In addition, the parent/guardian shall provide a new physician statement if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration or reason for administration changes. (Education Code 49423, 49423.1)

Parents/guardians shall provide medications in a properly labeled, original container along with the physician's instructions. For prescribed medication, the container shall bear the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's identification, name and phone number of the physician, and physician's instructions. Medications that are not in their original container shall not be accepted or administered. Medications shall be delivered to the school by the parent/guardian, unless the Superintendent or designee authorizes another method of delivery.

The parent/guardian of a student on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition shall inform the school nurse or other designated certificated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage and the name of the supervising physician.

A parent/guardian may designate an individual who is not an employee of the district to administer medication to his/her child as long as the individual is clearly identified, willing to accept the designation, permitted to be on the school site, and any limitations on the individual's authority are clearly established. The parent/guardian shall provide a written statement designating the individual and containing the information required above.

Designated Employee/District Responsibilities

The school nurse or other designated school personnel shall:

1. Administer or assist in administering the medication in accordance with the physician's written statement
2. Accept delivery of medication from the student's parent/guardian, including counting and recording the medication upon receipt
3. Maintain a list of students needing medication during the school day, including the type of medication, times and dosage, as well as a list of students who are authorized to self-administer medication

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4. Maintain a medication log documenting the administration of medication including the student's name; name of medication the student is required to take; dose of medication; method by which the student is required to take the medication; time the medication is to be taken during the regular school day; date(s) on which the student is required to take the medication; physician's name and contact information; and a space for daily recording of medication administration

The daily record shall contain the date, time, amount of medication administered, and signature of the individual administering the medication.

5. Maintain a medication record including the physician'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 the administration of medication during field trips and after-school activities
8. Report any refusal of a student to take his/her medication to the parent/guardian
9. Keep all medication to be administered by the district in a locked drawer or cabinet
10. Communicate with the physician regarding the medication and its effects
11. 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.
12. By the end of the school year, ensure that unused, discontinued and outdated medication is returned to the student's parent/guardian where possible or, if the medication cannot be returned, is disposed of in accordance with state laws and local ordinances

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Governing Board desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing an appropriate education for all students. The Board recognizes that prevention and education are the most effective means of limiting the spread of infectious diseases.

Infectious Disease Prevention

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with parents/guardians and local health agencies and organizations to develop a comprehensive approach to disease prevention that promotes preventative measures and education of students and staff.

- (cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*
- (cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*
- (cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)*
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*
- (cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*
- (cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*
- (cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review resources available from health experts to ensure that district programs are based on the most up-to-date information.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's comprehensive health education program provides information about the prevention of infectious diseases, including the nature of bloodborne pathogens and their transmission, as well as information to help prevent the spread of contagious diseases, such as a pandemic influenza. He/she shall also ensure that each school has sufficient infection prevention supplies that are easily accessible to staff.

- (cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)*
- (cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

Universal Precautions

Students and staff shall observe universal precautions in order to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

- (cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)*
- (cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)*

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students of the precautions to be used in cases of exposure to blood or other body fluids through injury, accident, or classroom instruction.

- (cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)

Students with Infectious Diseases

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude students only in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Because bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are not casually transmitted, the presence of infectious conditions of this type is not, by itself, sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform the Superintendent or designee if their child has an infectious disease so that school staff may work cooperatively with the student's parents/guardians to minimize the child's exposure to other diseases in the school setting. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that student confidentiality rights are strictly observed in accordance with law.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48216 *Persons excluded*

49073-49079 *Privacy of pupil records*

49403 *Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of pupils*

49405 *Smallpox control*

49406 *Examination for tuberculosis (employees)*

49408 *Information of use in emergencies*

49602 *Confidentiality of student information*

51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article I, Section 1 Right to Privacy

CIVIL CODE

56-56.37 *Confidentiality of Medical Information Act*

1798-1798.76 *Information Practices Act*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120230 *Exclusion for communicable disease*

120325-120380 *Immunization against communicable diseases*

120875-120895 *AIDS information*

120975-121022 *Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health*

121475-121520 *Tuberculosis tests for pupils*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 *California bloodborne pathogens standard*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

2500-2511 *Communicable disease reporting requirements*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act*

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

164.500-164.534 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

COURT DECISIONS

Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District, (1987) 662 F.Supp. 376

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Saving Lives: AIDS Issues for California Schools 1994, rev. 2006

Avian Influenza, Governance and Policy Services Fact Sheet, April 2006

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Contra Costa County Office of Education, Pandemic Flu Resources:

http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/about/flu/resources_flu_action_kit

U.S. Government Pandemic Flu Information: <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any communicable disease. (17 CCR 2508)

Universal Precautions in the Classroom

Before students work with blood, blood products, or other body fluids, the teacher shall explain the potentially hazardous nature of blood and body fluids in the transmission of various agents from one person to another and the specific procedures and safety precautions to be used in the lesson.

The following precautions shall be used when students are working with blood or other body fluids:

1. Before and after exposure to blood or other body fluids, students shall wash their hands with soap and water and cover any existing cut, wound, or open sore with a sterile dressing.
2. Students shall wear gloves or other personal protective equipment as appropriate.

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

3. Blood typing or similar experiments may be conducted by teacher demonstrations. When being performed individually, students shall work with their own blood or use prepackaged ABO/Rh blood cell kits that have vials of blood previously tested for transmissible agents.
 - a. Students shall use individual sterile lancets for finger punctures and shall not reuse them.
 - b. Before the finger is punctured, it shall be wiped with a piece of cotton that has been immersed in alcohol.
 - c. If bleeding persists after the finger is punctured, the student shall apply a sterile bandage using moderate pressure.
4. Lancets and any other materials contaminated with blood or body fluids shall be discarded into a solution consisting of one part bleach to 10 parts water (1:10), made fresh daily.
5. At the end of the class, surfaces shall be wiped with alcohol or a solution of one part bleach to 10 parts water.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)

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

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

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT

The Governing Board desires to provide support systems for students with asthma in order to reduce school absences, help ensure that such students receive appropriate intervention if symptoms occur at school, and enable them to participate in the educational program and school activities to the extent possible.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee shall involve school nurses, other health professionals, school administrators, and health educators in the development of strategies to help provide a healthy and safe school environment for students with asthma. He/she may also involve school health councils or committees and other interested persons to ensure that the district's strategies are coordinated with other school health programs and practices.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

District strategies shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for identifying and addressing individual student needs, providing effective professional development on asthma symptoms and staff responsibilities, and identifying and reducing environmental factors at schools that may trigger and/or worsen asthma symptoms.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)

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

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)

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

Legal Reference: (see next page)

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49407 *Liability for treatment*

49408 *Emergency information*

49414.5 *Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training*

49423-49423.1 *Administration of prescribed medication for student*

49423.5 *Specialized health care services*

49426 *School nurses*

49480 *Continuing medication regimen; notice*

51880-51921 *Comprehensive health education*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

600-611 *Administering medication to students*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974*

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

280g *Children's asthma treatment grant program*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008

Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

Asthma Action Plan for Schools and Families, January 2007

Guidelines for the Management of Asthma in California Schools, April 2004

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

Managing Asthma in Schools — What Have We Learned?, August 2006

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Joint Guidance on the Application of FERPA and HIPAA to Student Health Records, November 2008

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Lung Association: <http://www.lungusa.org>

American School Health Association: <http://www.ashaweb.org>

California Asthma Public Health Initiative: <http://caasthma.org>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/asthma>

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute:

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/index.htm#asthma>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): <http://www.epa.gov/asthma>

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT**Identification of Students with Asthma**

The Superintendent or designee shall, upon a student's registration for school and annually thereafter, request parents/guardians to notify the principal or designee, in writing, if their child has been diagnosed with asthma, has recently experienced symptoms or has a history of asthma, and/or is at risk for potentially severe asthma attacks. The request also shall encourage parents/guardians to provide such notification at any time during the school year that their child is so diagnosed.

The Superintendent or designee shall keep a student's medical information in a secure location and maintain the confidentiality of student health records in accordance with law governing student records. A copy of a student's health record shall be provided to the school nurse, if any. In addition, pertinent information from the health record shall be released to other employees whose responsibilities require that they have access to such information in order to provide support services or to respond in an emergency, such as a student's teacher(s), coach(es), bus driver, and any other staff with responsibility for direct supervision of the student.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

Individualized Asthma Management

When a student has been diagnosed with asthma or when such a student registers for school, the Superintendent or designee shall request that the parent/guardian submit an asthma action plan. This plan shall be developed by the student's health care provider, in partnership with the student and his/her parents/guardians, and shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding the student's symptoms and severity, asthma triggers, necessary medications, and the parent/guardian's authorization for the health care provider's disclosure of health information to the district. The Superintendent or designee shall request that the parents/guardians submit an updated plan each school year or whenever there are changes in the student's health condition or treatment.

When a student with asthma has been identified as disabled pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, necessary accommodations and services shall be identified as part of the student's Section 504 services plan or individualized education program (IEP), as appropriate.

(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT (continued)

Any student who needs to take prescribed medication during the school day may be assisted by a school nurse or designated school personnel or allowed to carry and self-administer inhaled asthma medication provided that the district receives written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian in accordance with Education Code 49423.1 and BP/AR 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions. Parents/guardians shall be requested to provide quick relief medication to be administered in accordance with the student's asthma action plan.

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

Students shall be encouraged to notify their teacher, physical education teacher, coach, or other staff when they are experiencing difficulty breathing and/or need to alter their physical activity level. A student experiencing symptoms shall be encouraged to use his/her quick relief medication. The student shall be supervised on school grounds by a responsible adult until he/she is no longer experiencing symptoms and/or his/her parent/guardian has been contacted.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

In case of emergency, staff shall call 911 and assist the student in the administration of quick relief medication as authorized in the student's asthma action plan, Section 504 services plan, or IEP. Staff shall contact the student's parent/guardian or other person identified as an emergency contact and shall supervise the student until his/her care has been assumed by a health professional, parent/guardian, or designated emergency contact.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

Education and Support Services

Asthma management and support systems shall be coordinated by a school nurse, other qualified health professional, or educator who has received appropriate training.

Staff shall be provided professional development which includes information about symptoms and common triggers of asthma, ways to reduce acute symptoms, and emergency response procedures. This professional development may be provided by an outside consultant or organization, a school nurse, other qualified health professional, or educator who has received appropriate training.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide each school site with information regarding emergency management of asthma to post in easily accessible locations.

A school nurse or other qualified personnel may provide education to students with asthma using approved curriculum. Upon request by a student or his/her parents/guardians, the Superintendent or designee may provide information about available medical resources, including school-based health services as appropriate.

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

Environmental Assessment

The Superintendent or designee may periodically conduct an environmental assessment to identify and reduce the presence of common asthma triggers, including, but not limited to, pesticides, chemical pollutants, mold, and animal and dust mite allergens, in the school environment.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)
(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)
(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate with each school principal when local health advisories are issued for high ozone days or poor outdoor air quality so that outdoor physical activities may be curtailed as necessary.

SPECIALIZED HEALTH CARE SERVICES**Definitions**

Specialized physical health services means those health services prescribed by the student's licensed physician requiring medically related training for the individual who performs the services and which are necessary during the school day to enable the student to attend school. These services include catheterization, gastric tube feeding, suctioning, or other services that require medically related training. (Education Code 49423.5; 5 CCR 3051.12)

Qualified means the ability to demonstrate competence in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, current knowledge of community emergency medical resources, and skill in the use of equipment and performance of techniques necessary to provide specialized physical health care services for individuals with disabilities. In addition, for designated school personnel, *qualified* means trained in the procedures to a level of competence and safety which meets the objectives of the training as provided by the school nurse, public health nurse, licensed physician, or other programs which provide the training. (Education Code 49423.5; 5 CCR 3051.12)

Training means preparation in the appropriate delivery and skillful performance of specialized physical health care services. (5 CCR 3051.12)

Supervision means review, observation, and/or instruction of a designated school person's performance and of physical health care services, but does not necessarily require the immediate presence of the supervisor at all times. (5 CCR 3051.12)

Provision of Services

A student with disabilities who requires specialized health care services during the school day, as identified in his/her individualized education program (IEP), may be assisted by any of the following individuals: (Education Code 49423.5, 56345)

1. Qualified persons who possess an appropriate credential pursuant to Education Code 44267 (service credential with specialization in health), Education Code 44267.5 (service credential with specialization in health for school nurse), or a valid certificate of public health nursing issued by the Board of Registered Nursing
2. Qualified designated school personnel trained in the administration of specialized physical health care if they perform those services under the supervision of a credentialed school nurse, public health nurse, or licensed physician and the services are determined by the credentialed school nurse or licensed physician, in consultation with the physician treating the student, to meet all of the following criteria:
 - a. Constitute routine care for the student
 - b. Pose little potential harm for the student

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- c. Are performed with predictable outcomes, as defined in the student's IEP
- d. Do not require a nursing assessment, interpretation, or decision making by the designated school personnel

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

Specialized health care or other services that require medically related training shall be provided pursuant to Education Code 49423. (Education Code 49423.5)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

Schools shall provide appropriate accommodations for safety and necessary physical care services. The student's personal privacy and dignity shall be assured. (5 CCR 3051.12)

A qualified school nurse, public health nurse, or licensed physician responsible for supervising the physical health care of students with disabilities in the school setting shall: (5 CCR 3051.12)

1. Coordinate the health care services to the students with disabilities on the school site
2. Consult with appropriate personnel regarding management of health care services for students with disabilities
3. Make appropriate referrals and maintain communication with health agencies providing care to students with disabilities
4. Maintain or review licensed physician and parent/guardian requests and daily documentation records

The licensed physician of a student with disabilities who is required to receive physical health care services shall provide a written statement detailing the procedure and time schedule by which such procedures are to be given. In addition, the student's parent/guardian shall provide a written statement indicating his/her desire that the district assist the student in the matters set forth in the physician's statement and granting consent for the delivery of such services. (5 CCR 3051.12)

For each student with disabilities, the district shall maintain the physician and parent/guardian statements, as well as the specific standardized procedures to be used if the services are provided. The district shall also maintain daily documentation of specific services provided and shall include the signatures of the personnel who performed the

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procedure. This documentation shall be maintained in accordance with the requirements for confidentiality of student records and shall be classified as mandatory interim student records. (5 CCR 3051.12)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44267 Services credential with specialization in health

44267.5 Services credential with specialization in health for school nurse

49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student

49423.5 Specialized physical health care services

49426 School nurses

56000-56606 Special education programs, especially:

56345 Individualized education program contents

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

2700-2837 Nursing, especially:

2726 Authority not conferred

2727 Exceptions in general

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3051.12 Health and nursing services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

300.34 Related services

COURT DECISIONS

Cedar Rapids Community School District v. Garret F., (1999) 526 U.S. 66

Clovis Unified School District v. Office of Administrative Hearings, (1990) 903 F.2d 635

Taylor v. Honig, (1990) 910 F.2d 627

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>

TUBERCULOSIS TESTING

Any student with active tuberculosis shall be excluded from attendance at a district school in accordance with AR 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

Students shall be screened or tested for tuberculosis under the following circumstances:

1. As part of the comprehensive health screening required for school entry, parents/guardians shall provide evidence within 90 days after their child's entry into first grade that their child has been screened for risk of tuberculosis within the preceding 18 months. (Health and Safety Code 124040, 124085)

(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

2. Whenever ordered by the local health officer, students seeking admission for the first time to a district school at any grade level shall submit to tuberculosis testing. Any student subject to the order shall be admitted to school as follows:
 - a. The Superintendent or designee shall unconditionally admit the student if he/she, prior to admission, submits a certificate, signed by any public or private medical provider, indicating that he/she has completed an approved tuberculosis examination and is free from active tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code 121485, 121490, 121500; 22 CCR 41305, 41311, 41313)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

A student shall not be required to obtain the certificate if his/her parent/guardian or custodian provides the Superintendent or designee with an affidavit stating that the required examination is contrary to his/her beliefs. If there is probable cause to believe that such a student has active tuberculosis, he/she may be excluded from school until the Superintendent or designee is satisfied that he/she is not afflicted. (Health and Safety Code 121505)

- b. A student who has not submitted the certificate may be conditionally admitted provided that he/she receives an approved tuberculin skin test within 10 school days after admission. A student who had a positive skin test and has not subsequently obtained a chest x-ray may be conditionally admitted if he/she receives a chest x-ray within 20 school days after admission. Any student who fails to provide the certificate within those time periods shall be prohibited from further attendance until he/she provides the certificate. (Health and Safety Code 121495; 22 CCR 41315, 41327)

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- c. Whenever the local health officer so orders, a student may be required to complete an additional examination and provide another certificate indicating that he/she is free of communicable tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code 121485)
 - d. At the discretion of the local health officer, the district may admit a student without a certificate if he/she is undergoing or has already undergone preventive treatment for tuberculosis infection or treatment for tuberculosis disease. (22 CCR 41319)
3. Whenever the Superintendent or designee suspects that a student who has not been examined for tuberculosis either has the disease or has been exposed, he/she shall immediately report by telephone to the local health officer. When required by the local health officer, the district shall exclude the student from school until he/she is certified to be free of communicable tuberculosis. (22 CCR 41329)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of any student's tuberculosis examination as part of the student's mandatory permanent student record. (22 CCR 41323)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually file a report with the local health department on the results of tuberculosis examinations for all individuals required to complete such examinations in accordance with item #2 above, including, but not necessarily limited to, the number of individuals unconditionally and conditionally admitted and the number of individuals exempted on the basis of their personal beliefs. (22 CCR 41325)

All district staff shall receive information on how tuberculosis is spread and how it can be prevented and treated.

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

TUBERCULOSIS TESTING (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48213 *Prior parent notification of exclusion; exemption*

49451 *Parent's refusal to consent to health examination*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120230 *Exclusion of persons from school when residence is in isolation or quarantine*

121365 *Duties of local health officer re: tuberculosis control*

121475-121520 *Tuberculosis tests for students*

124025-124110 *Child Health and Disability Prevention Program*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

202 *Exclusion of students with contagious disease*

432 *Student records*

3030 *Eligibility for special education; tuberculosis that adversely affects educational performance*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

41301-41329 *Tuberculosis tests for students*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

American Lung Association: <http://www.lungusa.org>

California Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/tb>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tuberculosis: <http://www.cdc.gov/tb>

Health Officers Association of California: <http://www.calhealthofficers.org>

FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

The Governing Board desires to prevent exposure of students to foods to which they are allergic and to provide for prompt and appropriate treatment in the event that a severe allergic reaction occurs at school.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for the care of food-allergic students. Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, strategies for identifying students at risk for allergic reactions, avoidance measures and other means to manage allergies, education of staff regarding typical symptoms, and actions to be taken in the event of a severe allergic reaction.

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

Parents/guardians shall be responsible for notifying the Superintendent or designee, in writing, regarding any food allergies or other special dietary needs of their child in accordance with administrative regulation.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Students with serious dietary needs that qualify as a disability under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act shall be provided reasonable accommodation or services, as appropriate, in accordance with his/her accommodation plan or individualized education program.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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

Students shall not be excluded from school activities based solely on their food allergy.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49407 *Liability for treatment*

49408 *Emergency information*

49414 *Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors*

49423 *Administration of prescribed medication for student*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

600-611 *Administering medication to students*

15562 *Reimbursement for meals, substitutions*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974*

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

701-795a *Rehabilitation Act, including:*

794 *Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769h *National School Lunch Program*

1771-1791 *Child nutrition, especially:*

1773 *School Breakfast Program*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 *National School Lunch Program*

220.1-220.21 *National School Breakfast Program*

225.16 *Meal programs, individual substitutions*

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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

FOOD ALLERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS NETWORK (FAAN) PUBLICATIONS

School Guidelines for Managing Students with Food Allergies

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

Accommodating Children with Special Dietary Needs in the School Nutrition Programs: Guidance for School Food Service Staff, Fall 2001

WEB SITES

American Dietetic Association: <http://www.eatright.org>

American School Food Service Association: <http://www.asfsa.org>

California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>

Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network: <http://www.foodallergy.org>

International Food Information Council: <http://ific.org>

National School Boards Association, School Health Programs: <http://www.nsba.org>

U.S. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.fns.usda.gov>

FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Definitions

Special dietary needs include food intolerances, allergies, and other medical needs that may require avoidance of specific foods.

Food allergies are abnormal responses of the body's immune system to certain foods or ingredients.

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life-threatening hypersensitivity to a substance and may be caused by a food allergy. Symptoms may include shortness of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing, difficulty talking or swallowing, hives, itching, swelling, shock, or asthma. (Education Code 49414)

In severe cases, anaphylaxis may result in lowered blood pressure, loss of consciousness, or even death. Symptoms typically appear immediately after exposure to a certain food or substance but in rare cases may occur after a few hours.

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

Notification by Parent/Guardian

If their child has a known food allergy, the parents/guardians shall notify the Superintendent or designee, in writing, and provide written medical documentation, signed by a physician, that describes the nature of the student's condition, instructions, and necessary medications. If the food allergy requires food substitutions or modifications in school meals, the written statement shall also describe the specific foods to be restricted and the foods that should be substituted.

Prevention

To minimize students' exposure to foods to which they are allergic, the Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum, implement the following preventive measures:

1. Notification to District Staff

When notified by the parent/guardian that a student has a food allergy, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the student's principal, teacher(s), bus driver, school nurse, coach, substitute teacher, and/or any other personnel responsible for supervising the student.

The principal or designee shall notify substitute staff of any students with known food allergies and the school's response plan.

FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (continued)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

2. Food Services

The district's food services program shall make food substitutions in breakfasts, lunches, and after-school snacks when students are considered to have a disability under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that restricts their diet and when a physician has signed a statement of need that includes recommended alternate foods. (7 CFR 210.10, 220.8)

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

Substitutions may be made on a case-by-case basis for students who do not have a disability under Section 504 but who cannot consume the regular breakfast, lunch, or after-school snack because of medical or other special dietary needs, when supported by a statement of need signed by a recognized medical authority. (7 CFR 210.10, 220.8, 225.16)

The district's food services staff shall check food labels or specifications to ensure that foods do not contain traces of substances to which the student is allergic.

Under no circumstances shall food services staff prescribe nutritional requirements or revise a diet order prescribed by a physician.

Food substitutions shall not result in any additional cost to the student.

3. Class Parties/School Activities

Without identifying the student, the principal or teacher may notify parents/guardians of other students in the class that a student is allergic to a specific food and may request that the food not be provided at class parties or other school events.

Whenever the ingredients in any food served at class parties or other school activities are unknown, the student shall be encouraged to avoid the food.

4. Sanitation and Cleaning

To avoid spreading allergens, cafeteria tables and classroom surfaces shall be cleaned with a fresh cloth or disposable paper towels and cleaning products known to effectively remove food proteins, excluding waterless cleaners or instant hand sanitizers that do not involve a wet-wash step. Cross-contact from a sponge or cloth used to clean allergen-containing tabletops shall be avoided.

FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (continued)

Staff shall use and promote hand-washing using soap and water before and after food handling.

Students shall be notified that exchanging meals or utensils is prohibited.

5. Professional Development

Schoolwide professional development shall be provided to appropriate staff on the identification and management of food allergies, including avoidance measures, typical symptoms, the proper use of epinephrine auto-injectors, documentation and storage of medication, and emergency drills.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

6. Supervision of Students

Staff who are trained and knowledgeable about symptoms of anaphylaxis and actions to take in an emergency shall provide supervision in the classroom and cafeteria and on the playground whenever students known to have a food allergy are on school grounds.

7. Health Education

The district's health education curriculum may include instruction on food allergies in order to assist food-allergic students in taking responsibility for monitoring their diet and to teach other students about the dangers of sharing foods or utensils with others.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Emergency Response

Epinephrine auto-injectors or other medicine provided for use in the event of an anaphylactic shock reaction shall be stored and used in accordance with law and BP/AR 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions.

(cf. 4119.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

In addition, staff shall call 911 and seek immediate medical attention for a student experiencing an anaphylactic shock reaction.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (continued)

As soon as possible, school staff shall contact the student's parents/guardians or other person identified as an emergency contact.

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

The district provides vision and health screening for students with disabilities as part of a multi-disciplinary triennial assessment. (5 CCR 3027)

All students who participate as cheerleaders, song leaders, or athletes in organized competitive sports shall first undergo and file with the district a current medical examination. Upon sustaining an injury or serious illness, a student may be required to have another examination before participating further. This requirement does not apply to participants in occasional play day or field day activities.

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff employed to examine students exercise proper care of each student and that examination results are kept confidential. Records related to these examinations shall be available only in accordance with law.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Reports to the Board regarding the number of students found to have physical problems and the effort made to correct them shall in no way reveal the identity of students.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 44871-44879 *Employment qualifications*
- 49400-49413 *General powers-school boards (re pupil health)*
- 49422 *Supervision of health and physical development*
- 49450-49457 *Physical examinations (of pupils)*
- 49460-49466 *Development of standardized health assessments*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 120325-120380 *Immunization against communicable diseases*
- 121475-121520 *Tuberculosis tests for pupils*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 590-596 *Vision screening*
- 3027 *Hearing and vision screening for special education*
- 3028 *Audiological screening*

IMMUNIZATIONS

To protect the health of all students and staff and to curtail the spread of infectious diseases, the Governing Board desires to cooperate with state and local health agencies to encourage immunization of all district students against preventable diseases.

(cf. 1400 - Relations between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Students entering a district school or transferring between school campuses, shall present an immunization record which shows at least the month and year of each immunization in accordance with law. Students shall be excluded from school or exempted from immunization requirements only as allowed by law.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)
(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

Each transfer student shall present his/her immunization record certifying that he/she has received all required immunizations currently due before he/she is admitted to school.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46010 Total days of attendance

48216 Immunization

48980 Required notification of rights

49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunizations

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120325-120380 Immunization against communicable disease especially:

120335 Immunization requirement for admission

120440 Disclosure of immunization information

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

6000-6075 School attendance immunization requirements

Management Resources:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Commonly Asked Questions About the New School Immunization Requirements, March 1999

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch:

<http://cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to a district school unless that student has presented documentation of full immunization. (Health and Safety Code 120335)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the rights of students and parents/guardians relating to immunizations under Education Code 49403. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Immunizations for Grades K-12

Students entering the district in grades 9 through 12 shall have received the following immunizations: (Health and Safety Code 120335; 17 CCR 6020)

1. Measles, and rubella (MMR) vaccine
2. Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (DTP or DTaP)
 - a. Five doses shall be required for students ages four through six. However, four doses shall meet the requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday.
 - b. Four doses shall be required for students age seven or older. However, three doses shall meet the requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the second birthday.
 - c. Pertussis immunization shall not be required for students age seven or older.
 - d. A tetanus and diphtheria (Td) shot is recommended but not required for seventh-grade students who have not had a booster within the past five years.

3. Poliomyelitis (polio) vaccine

Four doses shall be required at any age. However, three doses shall meet the requirement for ages four through six if at least one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday, and three doses shall meet the requirement for ages seven to seventeen if at least one dose was given on or after the second birthday.

4. Hepatitis B vaccine

IMMUNIZATIONS (continued)

- a. Students shall not be unconditionally admitted or advanced to seventh grade unless they have been fully immunized against hepatitis B. A student who has previously had three doses of hepatitis B vaccine at any age before seventh grade shall not be required to receive any additional shots.

Students transferring into the district at a grade other than kindergarten or seventh grade shall be exempt from the requirement for a second measles dose or hepatitis B immunization.

Exemptions

Exemption from immunization requirements is allowed when: (Health and Safety Code 120365, 120370, 120375; 17 CCR 6051)

1. The student's parent/guardian states in writing that immunization is contrary to his/her beliefs.

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

2. The student's parent/guardian provides a written statement by a licensed physician that the physical condition or medical circumstances of the student are such that immunization is unsafe or is permanently not indicated.

However, if there is good cause to believe that the student has been exposed to one of the communicable diseases listed above, the student may be temporarily excluded from school until the local health officer is satisfied that the student is no longer at risk of developing the disease. (Health and Safety Code 120365)

Exclusions Due to Lack of Immunizations

Any student without the required evidence of immunization may be excluded from school until the immunization is obtained or until the student presents a letter or affidavit of exemption from his/her parent/guardian or physician.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

Before a student is excluded from school attendance because of lack of immunization, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian that he/she has 10 school days in which to supply evidence of proper immunization or an appropriate letter of exemption. This notice shall refer the parent/guardian to the child's usual source of medical care. (Education Code 48216; 17 CCR 6040)

If no usual source of medical care exists, the parent/guardian shall be referred to the county health department. (Education Code 48216)

IMMUNIZATIONS (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude from further attendance any student who fails to obtain the required immunization within 10 school days following receipt of the parent/guardian notice specified above, unless the student is exempt from immunization for medical reasons or personal beliefs. The student shall remain excluded from school until he/she has received another dose of each required vaccine due at that time. The student shall also be reported to the attendance supervisor or principal. (17 CCR 6055)

Conditional Enrollment

The Superintendent or designee may conditionally admit a student with documentation from a physician that: (Health and Safety Code 120340; 17 CCR 6000, 6035)

1. He/she has received some but not all required immunizations and is not due for any vaccine dose at the time of admission
2. He/she has a temporary exemption from immunization for medical reasons

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parents/guardians of the date by which the student must complete all the remaining doses when they become due as specified in 17 CCR 6035.

The Superintendent or designee shall review the immunization record of each student admitted conditionally every 30 days until that student has received all the required immunizations. If the student does not receive the required immunizations within the specified time limits, he/she shall be excluded from further attendance until the immunizations are received. (Health and Safety Code 120375; 17 CCR 6070)

Records

The Superintendent or designee shall record each new entrant's immunizations in the mandatory permanent student record. District staff shall maintain the confidentiality of immunization records and may disclose such information to state and local health departments only in accordance with law. (Health and Safety Code 120375, 120440; 17 CCR 6070)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

HEAD LICE

The Governing Board believes that the district's head lice management program should emphasize the correct diagnosis and treatment of head lice in order to minimize disruption of the education process and to reduce the number of student absences resulting from infestation. In consultation with the school nurse, the Superintendent or designee may establish a routine screening program to help prevent the spread of head lice.

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible. The nurse or designee shall examine the student and other students who are siblings of the affected student or members of the same household.

If a student is found with active, adult head lice, he/she shall be excluded from attendance. The parent/guardian of an excluded student shall receive information about recommended treatment procedures and sources of further information. The student shall be allowed to return to school the next day and shall be checked by the nurse or designee before returning to class. Once he/she is determined to be free of lice, the student shall be rechecked weekly for up to six weeks.

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

The Superintendent or designee shall send home the notification required by law for excluded students. (Education Code 48213)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The principal and school nurse shall work with the parents/guardians of any student who has been deemed to be a chronic head lice case in order to help minimize the student's absences from school.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)

When two or more students in any class have been identified as having a head lice infestation, all students in the class shall be examined. In consultation with the school nurse, the principal may also send information about head lice home to all parents/guardians of the students in that class.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded from attendance.

HEAD LICE (continued)

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - *Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information*)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48216 *Persons excluded*

49451 *Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent*

Management Resources:

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

Lice, Nits, and School Policy, Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, May 2001

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines on Head Lice Prevention and Control for School Districts and Child Care Facilities, 2009

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL NURSES ORGANIZATION

Position Statement: Pediculosis Management, 2005

WEB SITES

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.scno.org>

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parasitic Disease Information, Head Lice:
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/lice>*

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

Child Abuse Prevention

The Governing Board recognizes the district's responsibility to educate students about the dangers of child abuse so that they will acquire the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and to react appropriately and promptly.

The district's instructional program shall include age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum. This curriculum shall explain students' right to live free of abuse, inform them of available support resources, and teach them how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse. The curriculum also shall include training in self-protection techniques.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The Superintendent or designee shall seek to incorporate community resources into the district's child abuse prevention programs. To the extent feasible, the Superintendent or designee shall use these community resources to provide parents/guardians with instruction in parenting skills and child abuse prevention.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

Child Abuse Reporting

The Board recognizes that child abuse has severe consequences and that the district has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents of child abuse. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of such incidents in accordance with law.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect. Mandated reporters shall not investigate any suspected incidents but rather shall cooperate with agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of mandated reporters.

In the event that training is not provided to mandated reporters, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the California Department of Education the reasons that such training is not provided. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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51220.5 *Parenting skills education*

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Information: <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov>

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

Definitions

Child abuse or neglect includes the following: (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)

1. A physical injury or death inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person
2. Sexual abuse of a child, including sexual assault or sexual exploitation, as defined in Penal Code 11165.1
3. Neglect of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.2
4. Willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.3
5. Unlawful corporal punishment or injury as defined in Penal Code 11165.4

Child abuse or neglect does not include:

1. A mutual affray (combat) between minors (Penal Code 11165.6)
2. An injury caused by reasonable and necessary force used by a peace officer acting within the course and scope of his/her employment (Penal Code 11165.6)

(*cf.* 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

3. An injury resulting from the exercise by a teacher, associate principal, principal, safety officer or other certificated employee of the same degree of physical control over a student that a parent/guardian would be privileged to exercise, not exceeding the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, protect the health and safety of students, or maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning (Education Code 44807)
4. An injury caused by a school employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to persons or damage to property, to protect himself/herself, or to obtain weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student (Education Code 49001)

(*cf.* 5144 - Discipline)

5. Physical pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition or other such recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by the student (Education Code 49001)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

Mandated reporters include, but are not limited to, teachers; instructional aides; teacher's aides or assistants; classified employees; certificated pupil personnel employees; administrative officers or supervisors of child attendance; administrators and employees of a licensed day care facility; Head Start teachers; district police or security officers; licensed nurses or health care providers; and administrators, presenters, and counselors of a child abuse prevention program. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Reasonable suspicion means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when appropriate on his/her training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Reportable Offenses

A mandated reporter shall make a report using the procedures provided below whenever, in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment, he/she has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Any mandated reporter who has knowledge of or who reasonably suspects that a child is suffering serious emotional damage or is at a substantial risk of suffering serious emotional damage, based on evidence of severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior toward self or others, may make a report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166.05, 11167)

Any person shall notify a peace officer if he/she reasonably believes that he/she has observed the commission of a murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act by use of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury, where the victim is a child under age 14. (Penal Code 152.3, 288)

Responsibility for Reporting

The reporting duties of mandated reporters are individual and cannot be delegated to another person. (Penal Code 11166)

When two or more mandated reporters jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, the report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report. (Penal Code 11166)

No supervisor or administrator shall impede or inhibit a mandated reporter from making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

Any person not identified as a mandated reporter who has knowledge of or observes a child whom he/she knows or reasonably suspects has been a victim of child abuse or neglect may report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

Reporting Procedures

1. Initial Telephone Report

Immediately or as soon as practicable after knowing or observing suspected child abuse or neglect, a mandated reporter shall make an initial report by telephone to any police department (excluding a school district police/security department), sheriff's department, county probation department if designated by the county to receive such reports, or county welfare department. (Penal Code 11166)

2. Written Report

Within 36 hours of knowing or observing the information concerning the incident, the mandated reporter shall then prepare and either send, fax, or electronically submit to the appropriate agency a written follow-up report, which includes a completed Department of Justice form (SS 8572). (Penal Code 11166, 11168)

Mandated reporters may obtain copies of the Department of Justice form from either the district or the appropriate agency.

Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall include, if known: (Penal Code 11167)

- a. The name, business address, and telephone number of the person making the report and the capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter
- b. The child's name and address, present location and, where applicable, school, grade, and class
- c. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the child's parents/guardians
- d. The information that gave rise to the reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect and the source(s) of that information
- e. The name, address, telephone number, and other relevant personal information about the person who might have abused or neglected the child

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The mandated reporter shall make a report even if some of this information is not known or is uncertain to him/her. (Penal Code 11167)

Information relevant to the incident of child abuse or neglect also may be given to an investigator from an agency that is investigating the case. (Penal Code 11167)

3. Internal Reporting

The mandated reporter shall not be required to disclose his/her identity to his/her supervisor, the principal, or the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166)

However, employees reporting child abuse or neglect to an appropriate agency are encouraged, but not required, to notify the principal as soon as possible after the initial telephone report to the appropriate agency. When so notified, the principal shall inform the Superintendent or designee.

The principal so notified shall provide the mandated reporter with any assistance necessary to ensure that reporting procedures are carried out in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. At the mandated reporter's request, the principal may assist in completing and filing the necessary forms.

Reporting the information to an employer, supervisor, principal, school counselor, co-worker, or other person shall not be a substitute for making a mandated report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

Training

Training of mandated reporters shall include identification and mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Training shall also include guidance in the appropriate discipline of students, physical contact with students, and maintenance of ethical relationships with students to avoid actions that may be misinterpreted as child abuse.

(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

Victim Interviews by Social Services

Whenever a representative from the Department of Social Services investigating suspected child abuse or neglect deems it necessary, a suspected victim may be interviewed during school hours, on school premises, concerning a report of suspected child abuse or neglect that occurred within the child's home or out-of-home care facility. The child shall be given the choice of being interviewed in private or in the presence of any adult school employee or volunteer aide selected by the child. (Penal Code 11174.3)

A staff member or volunteer aide selected by a child may decline to be present at the interview. If the selected person accepts, the principal or designee shall inform him/her of the following requirements: (Penal Code 11174.3)

1. The purpose of the selected person's presence at the interview is to lend support to the child and enable him/her to be as comfortable as possible.
2. The selected person shall not participate in the interview.
3. The selected person shall not discuss the facts or circumstances of the case with the child.
4. The selected person is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, a violation of which is punishable as specified in Penal Code 11167.5.

If a staff member agrees to be present, the interview shall be held at a time during school hours when it does not involve an expense to the school. (Penal Code 11174.3)

Release of Child to Peace Officer

When a child is released to a peace officer and taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse or neglect, the Superintendent or designee and/or principal shall not notify the parent/guardian, but rather shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the child's parent/guardian. It is the responsibility of the peace officer or agent to notify the parent/guardian of the situation. (Education Code 48906)

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

Parent/Guardian Complaints

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with a copy of this administrative regulation which contain procedures for reporting suspected child abuse occurring at a school site to appropriate agencies. For parents/guardians whose primary language is other than English, such procedures shall be in their primary language and, when communicating orally regarding those procedures, an interpreter shall be provided.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

To file a complaint against a district employee or other person suspected of child abuse or neglect at a school site, parents/guardians may file a report by telephone, in person, or in writing with any appropriate agency identified above under "Reporting Procedures." If a parent/guardian makes a complaint about an employee to any other employee, the employee receiving the information shall notify the parent/guardian of procedures for filing a complaint with the appropriate agency. The employee also is obligated pursuant to Penal Code 11166 to file a report himself/herself using the procedures described above for mandated reporters.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

In addition, if the child is enrolled in special education, a separate complaint may be filed with the California Department of Education pursuant to 5 CCR 4650.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall provide to all new employees who are mandated reporters a statement that informs them of their status as mandated reporters, of their reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166, and of their confidentiality rights under Penal Code 11167. The district also shall provide these new employees with a copy of Penal Code 11165.7, 11166, and 11167. (Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5)

Before beginning employment, employees shall sign a statement indicating that they have knowledge of the reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166 and that they will comply with those provisions. The signed statements shall be retained by the Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166.5)

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

Employees who work with dependent adults shall be notified of legal responsibilities and reporting procedures pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 15630-15637.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

The Superintendent or designee also shall notify all employees that:

1. A mandated reporter who reports a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect shall not be held civilly or criminally liable for making a report and this immunity shall apply even if the mandated reporter acquired the knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect outside of his/her professional capacity or outside the scope of his/her employment. Any other person making a report shall not incur civil or criminal liability unless it can be proven that he/she knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report. (Penal Code 11172)
2. If a mandated reporter fails to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect, he/she may be guilty of a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 11166)
3. No employee shall be subject to any sanction by the district for making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Governing Board recognizes that suicide is a major cause of death among youth and should be taken seriously. In order to attempt to reduce suicidal behavior and its impact on students and families, the Superintendent or designee shall develop preventive strategies and intervention procedures.

The Superintendent or designee may involve school health professionals, school counselors, administrators, other staff, parents/guardians, students, local health agencies and professionals, and community organizations in planning, implementing, and evaluating the district's strategies for suicide prevention and intervention.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

Prevention and Instruction

Suicide prevention strategies may include, but not be limited to, efforts to promote a positive school climate that enhances students' feelings of connectedness with the school and is characterized by caring staff and harmonious interrelationships among students.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

The district's comprehensive health education program shall promote the healthy mental, emotional, and social development of students including, but not limited to, the development of problem-solving skills, coping skills, and self-esteem. Suicide prevention instruction shall be incorporated into the health education curriculum in the secondary grades. Such instruction shall be aligned with state content standards and shall be designed to help students analyze signs of depression and self-destructive behaviors, including potential suicide, and to identify suicide prevention strategies.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

The Superintendent or designee may offer parents/guardians education or information which describes the severity of the youth suicide problem, the district's suicide prevention curriculum, risk factors and warning signs of suicide, basic steps for helping suicidal youth, and/or school and community resources that can help youth in crisis.

SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)

Staff Development

Suicide prevention training for staff shall be designed to help staff identify and respond to students at risk of suicide. The training shall be offered under the direction of a district counselor/psychologist and/or in cooperation with one or more community mental health agencies and may include information on:

1. Research identifying risk factors, such as previous suicide attempt(s), history of depression or mental illness, substance use problems, family history of suicide or violence, feelings of isolation, interpersonal conflicts, a recent severe stressor or loss, family instability, and other factors

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

2. Warning signs that may indicate suicidal intentions, including changes in students' appearance, personality, or behavior
3. Research-based instructional strategies for teaching the suicide prevention curriculum and promoting mental and emotional health
4. School and community resources and services

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

5. District procedures for intervening when a student attempts, threatens, or discloses the desire to commit suicide

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Intervention

Whenever a staff member suspects or has knowledge of a student's suicidal intentions, he/she shall promptly notify the principal or school counselor. The principal or counselor shall then notify the student's parents/guardians as soon as possible and may refer the student to mental health resources in the school or community.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

Students shall be encouraged to notify a teacher, principal, counselor, or other adult when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions.

SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)

Whenever schools establish a peer counseling system to provide support for students, peer counselors shall complete the suicide prevention curriculum, including identification of the warning signs of suicidal behavior and referral of a suicidal student to appropriate adults.

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish crisis intervention procedures to ensure student safety and appropriate communications in the event that a suicide occurs or an attempt is made on campus or at a school-sponsored activity.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32289 *Comprehensive safety plan*

41533 *Professional Development Block Grant, suicide prevention training for teachers*

49060-49079 *Student records*

49602 *Confidentiality of student information*

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California Department of Mental Health, Children and Youth Programs:

http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Services_and_Programs/Children_and_Youth

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mental Health: <http://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth>

National Institute for Mental Health: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration: <http://www.samhsa.gov>

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Instruction

At appropriate secondary grades, the district's suicide prevention instruction shall be designed to help students:

1. Identify and analyze signs of depression and self-destructive behaviors and understand how feelings of depression, loss, isolation, inadequacy, and anxiety can lead to thoughts of suicide
2. Identify alternatives to suicide and develop coping and resiliency skills
3. Learn to listen, be honest, share feelings, and get help when communicating with friends who show signs of suicidal intent
4. Identify trusted adults, school resources, and/or community crisis intervention resources where youth can get help and recognize that there is no stigma associated with seeking mental health, substance abuse, and/or suicide prevention services

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Intervention

When a suicide attempt or threat is reported, the principal or designee shall:

1. Ensure the student's physical safety by one of the following, as appropriate:
 - a. Securing immediate medical treatment if a suicide attempt has occurred
 - b. Securing law enforcement and/or other emergency assistance if a suicidal act is being actively threatened
 - c. Keeping the student under continuous adult supervision until the parent/guardian and/or appropriate support agent or agency can be contacted and has the opportunity to intervene

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

2. Designate specific individuals to be promptly contacted, including the school counselor, psychologist, nurse, superintendent, and/or the student's parent/guardian, and, as necessary, local law enforcement or mental health agencies

SUICIDE PREVENTION (continued)

3. Document the incident in writing as soon as feasible

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

4. Follow up with the parent/guardian and student in a timely manner to provide referrals to appropriate services as needed
5. Provide access to counselors or other appropriate personnel to listen to and support students and staff who are directly or indirectly involved with the incident at the school
6. Provide an opportunity for all who respond to the incident to debrief, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies used, and make recommendations for future actions

In the event that a suicide occurs or is attempted on campus, the principal or designee shall follow the crisis intervention procedures contained in the school safety plan. After consultation with the Superintendent or designee and the student's parents/guardians about facts that may be divulged in accordance with the laws governing confidentiality of student record information, the principal or designee may provide students, parents/guardians, and staff with information, counseling, and/or referrals to community agencies as needed. School staff may receive assistance from school counselors or other mental health professionals in determining how best to discuss the suicide or attempted suicide with students.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 1112- Media Relations)

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

The Governing Board recognizes that good physical and mental health is critical to a student's ability to learn and believes that all students should have access to comprehensive health services. The district may provide access to health services at or near district schools through the establishment of a school health center and/or mobile van(s) that serve multiple campuses.

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local and state agencies and health care providers to assess the health needs of students in district schools and the community. Based on this needs assessment and the availability of resources, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval the types of health services to be provided by the district.

- (cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*
- (cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)*
- (cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)*
- (cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)*
- (cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*
- (cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*
- (cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*
- (cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*
- (cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)*
- (cf. 5141.25 - Availability of Condoms)*
- (cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)*
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*
- (cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*
- (cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*
- (cf. 5141.33 - Head Lice)*
- (cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*
- (cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)*
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*
- (cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*
- (cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)*

The Board may employ or contract with health care professionals or partner with community health centers to provide the services under the terms of a written contract or memorandum of understanding.

- (cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*
- (cf. 3312 - Contracts)*

Board approval shall be required for any proposed use of district resources and facilities to support school health services. The Superintendent or designee shall identify funding opportunities available through grant programs, private foundations, and partnerships with local agencies and organizations.

- (cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*
- (cf. 3100 - Budget)*
- (cf. 7000 - Facilities Master Plan)*

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the provision of school health services with other student wellness initiatives, including health education, programs that address nutrition and physical fitness, and other activities designed to create a healthy school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall encourage joint planning and regular communications among health services staff, district administrators, teachers, counselors, other staff, and parents/guardians.

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6164.2 - Counseling/Guidance Services)

Consent and Confidentiality

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain written parent/guardian consent prior to providing services to a student, except when the student is authorized to consent to the service pursuant to Family Code 6920-6929 or other applicable laws.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the confidentiality of student health records in accordance with law.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Payment/Reimbursement for Services

The Board desires that costs not be a barrier to student access to services. Services may be provided free of charge or on a sliding scale in accordance with law.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for billing public and private insurance programs and other applicable programs for reimbursement of services as appropriate.

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

The district shall serve as a Medi-Cal provider to the extent feasible, comply with all related legal requirements, and seek reimbursement of costs to the extent allowed by law.

To further encourage student access to health care services, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies to assist in outreach and enrollment of eligible students from low- to moderate-income families in affordable, comprehensive state or federal health coverage programs and local health initiatives. Such strategies may include, but not be limited to, providing information about the Medi-Cal program on the application for free and reduced-price meals in accordance with law and providing students and parents/guardians with information about the low-cost Healthy Families insurance program.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (continued)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

Program Evaluation

In order to continuously improve school health services, the Board shall evaluate the effectiveness of such services and the extent to which they continue to meet student needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with periodic reports that may include, but not necessarily be limited to, rates of participation in school health services; changes in student outcomes such as school attendance or achievement; feedback from staff and participants regarding program accessibility and operations, including accessibility to low-income and linguistically and culturally diverse students and families; and program costs and revenues.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (continued)

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49073-49079 *Privacy of student records*

49423.5 *Specialized physical health care services*

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6920-6929 *Consent by minor for medical treatment*

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95020 *Individualized family service plan*

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121020 *HIV/AIDS testing and treatment; parental consent for minor under age 12*

123110 *Minor's right to access health records*

123115 *Limitation on parent/guardian access to minor's health records*

123800-123995 *California Children's Services Act*

124025-124110 *Child Health and Disability Prevention Program*

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51491 *Local educational agency eligibility for payment*

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SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

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1232g *Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act (FERPA)*

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CSBA, PractiCal Program: <http://www.csba.org/Services/Services/DistrictServices/PractiCal.aspx>

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association: <http://www.ccsesa.org>

California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>

California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California School Health Centers Association: <http://www.schoolhealthcenters.org>

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>

Center for Health and Health Care in Schools: <http://www.healthinschools.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, School Health Policies and Programs (SHPPS) Study:

<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/shpps>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov>

Healthy Families Program: <http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov>

National Assembly on School-Based Health Care: <http://www.nasbhc.org>

National Center for Youth Law: <http://www.youthlaw.org>

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Medi-Cal Billing

In order to provide services as a Medi-Cal provider, the district shall enter into and maintain a contract with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). (Welfare and Institutions Code 14132.06; 22 CCR 51051, 51270)

The Superintendent or designee shall submit a claim for Medi-Cal reimbursement whenever the district provides a covered preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, or rehabilitative service specified in 22 CCR 51190.4 or 51360 to a Medi-Cal-eligible student under age 22 and/or a member of his/her family. (Welfare and Institutions Code 14132.06; 22 CCR 51096, 51098, 51190.1, 51190.4, 51309, 51360, 51535.5)

(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

The district shall maintain records including, but not limited to, records of the type and extent of services provided to a Medi-Cal beneficiary in accordance with law. (22 CCR 51270)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all practitioners employed by or under contract with the district possess the appropriate license, certification, registration, or credential and provide only those services that are within their scope of practice. (22 CCR 51190.3, 51270, 51491)

Any federal funds received by the district as reimbursement for the costs of services under the Medi-Cal billing option shall be reinvested in services for students and their families as specified in Education Code 8804(g). The Superintendent or designee shall consult with a local school-linked services collaborative group, such as that defined in Education Code 8806, regarding decisions on reinvestment of federal funds. (22 CCR 51270)

Medi-Cal Administrative Activities

Designated school staff shall document, on a time survey form, the amount of time spent on activities identified by DHCS which are related to the administration of the Medi-Cal program. Such activities include, but are not be limited to:

1. Outreach
2. Referral of health and mental health services
3. Translation services
4. Facilitation of applications

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (continued)

5. Scheduling and arranging emergency and medical transportation of eligible individuals
6. Contracting for services
7. Program planning and policy development
8. Claims administration
9. General administration

The Superintendent or designee shall, on a quarterly basis, submit an invoice to the local educational consortium or local governmental agency through which the district has contracted to receive reimbursement.

Staff responsible for completing the time survey shall annually participate in training regarding eligible activities and the time survey methodology, and shall receive additional training whenever there are changes or updates in administrative claiming categories and activities. New or reassigned staff shall receive training before beginning their duties completing time surveys.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain an audit file containing original time survey documentation and other records specified by DHCS. Such documentation shall be kept for three years after the end of the quarter in which expenditures were incurred or, if an audit is in progress, until the completion of the audit.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

BOARD RESOLUTION ON STUDENT HEALTH AND LEARNING

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Centinela Valley Union High School District recognizes that good health is a prerequisite to optimal learning and that absenteeism among students is clearly associated with school failure; and

WHEREAS, health is defined in a broad sense as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity; and

WHEREAS, health services are an important element of a comprehensive approach to promoting health and preventing disease and disability in children and youth; and

WHEREAS, access to regular medical care is improved through health insurance, inasmuch as children without health insurance are less likely to have a family doctor, receive timely preventive care, and receive medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in five of California's children has no health care coverage, and nearly one in five children without health care coverage do not receive necessary medical treatment for a chronic illness that was serious enough to keep the child from functioning in school; and

WHEREAS, families have a variety of options for health care coverage, including but not limited to California's low-cost Healthy Families program, no-cost Medi-Cal for Children program and local county health initiatives such as Healthy Kids, which provide comprehensive health, dental and vision care coverage to low-income, uninsured children under 19 years of age who represent the state's most vulnerable population; and

WHEREAS, after one year of coverage in the Healthy Families program, California children in the poorest health significantly improved their health, missed less school and improved their school performance; and

WHEREAS, schools can help students achieve academic success by participating in efforts that promote good health and have already demonstrated their commitment to students' health through the institution of such programs as Healthy Start and after-school programs, early care and education programs, school-based/school-linked health services, child nutrition services, school readiness, counseling services, and immunization programs; and

WHEREAS, children's access to health care services requires collaboration with local agencies and community-based organizations so that, through the shared responsibility and collective action of schools, local agencies and/or community-based organizations, we can ensure positive outcomes for our children and youth;

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (continued)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Centinela Valley Union High School District School District will work to improve children's health, thereby improving their academic performance, by helping to ensure that all children have health insurance coverage. To this end, the district will participate in outreach and enrollment efforts related to California's low-cost Healthy Families Program, no-cost Medi-Cal for Children, and other affordable health programs including local county health initiatives such as Healthy Kids. This will help assure optimal learning for every child by addressing children's health problems and maximizing school attendance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, _____ at a regular meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

Attest:

Secretary

President

SUN SAFETY

The Governing Board recognizes that overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and artificial sources such as sunlamps and tanning beds is linked to the development of skin cancer, eye damage, premature aging, and a weakened immune system and that children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of overexposure. The Board desires to support the prevention of excessive UV radiation exposure by students and to assist students in developing sun-safe habits to use throughout their lives.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a developmentally appropriate prevention/intervention program for grades K-12 to prevent student overexposure to UV radiation. He/she may coordinate sun safety and UV radiation education and policy efforts with the California Department of Public Health, the local health department, and other local agencies and/or community organizations. He/she shall involve students, parents/guardians, and the community in support of such school-based programs.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

Students shall be encouraged to take reasonable measures to protect their skin and eyes from overexposure to the sun while on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of district employees.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

To encourage and assist students to avoid overexposure to the sun when they are outdoors:

1. Students shall be encouraged to wear sun-protective clothing, including, but not limited to, hats. (Education Code 35183.5)

(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

2. Students shall be allowed to wear UV-protective sunglasses outdoors for the purpose of protection from the sun.
3. Students shall be allowed to use sunscreen during the school day without a physician's note or prescription. (Education Code 35183.5)

Those students using sunscreen shall be encouraged to apply sunscreen at least 15-20 minutes prior to any outdoor activity that will require prolonged exposure to the sun. School personnel shall not be required to assist students in applying sunscreen.

4. Students shall be allowed to use UV-protective lip balm.

SUN SAFETY (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the adequacy of shaded and/or indoor areas for recreation at each school and shall consider the provision of sufficient shaded areas in plans for new construction or modernization of facilities.

(cf. 7000 - Facilities Master Plan)

The Superintendent or designee may monitor the UV Index and modify outdoor school activities with regard to the risk of harm associated with the Index level.

Staff shall be encouraged to model recommended sun-safe behaviors, such as avoiding excessive sun exposure, using sunscreen, and wearing hats and other sun-protective clothing.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform school staff and parents/guardians of the district's sun safety measures and shall encourage parents/guardians to provide sunscreen, lip balm, hats, and other sun-protective clothing for their children to use at school. The Superintendent or designee also may provide information to parents/guardians about the risks of overexposure to UV radiation and preventive measures they may take to protect their children during nonschool hours.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SUN SAFETY (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35183.5 Sun protection

51210 Courses of study, grades 1-6

51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51890-51891 Comprehensive health education programs

Management Resources:

CSBA GOVERNANCE AND POLICY SERVICES BRIEFS

Sun Safety in Schools, July 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Health Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

School Systems: The Importance of Promoting and Providing Sun Protection, 2006

California Early Childhood Sun Protection Curriculum, rev. April 1999

CALIFORNIA STATE PTA RESOLUTIONS

Sun Safety: Skin Cancer Prevention Measures at School, May 1, 2005

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines for School Programs to Prevent Skin Cancer, April 26, 2002

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn: Part II: Policies to Promote Sun Safety and Prevent Skin Cancer, 2002

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION PUBLICATIONS

Sun Protection and Schools: How to Make a Difference, 2003

Sun Protection: A Primary Teaching Resource, 2003

WEB SITES

American Association for Health Education: <http://www.aahperd.org/aahe>

American Cancer Society: <http://www.cancer.org>

American School Health Association: <http://www.ashaweb.org>

California Department of Education, Health Services: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he>

California Department of Public Health, Skin Cancer Prevention Program:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/SkinCancer>

California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

National Association of State Boards of Education: <http://www.nasbe.org>

National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention: <http://www.skincancerprevention.org>

National Safety Council, Environmental Health Center: <http://www.nsc.org/ehc/sunSAFE.htm>

Sun Safety for Kids: <http://www.sunsafetyforkids.org>

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Sunwise Program: <http://www.epa.gov/sunwise>

UV Index: <http://www.epa.gov/sunwise/uvindex.html>

World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int>

SAFETY

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and helps ensure student safety and the prevention of student injury. The Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, practices relative to school facilities and equipment, the outdoor environment, educational programs, and school-sponsored activities.

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*
- (cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)*
- (cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*
- (cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*
- (cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*
- (cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*
- (cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)*
- (cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*
- (cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)*
- (cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)*
- (cf. 5131 - Conduct)*
- (cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*
- (cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*
- (cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*
- (cf. 5142.1 - Identification and Reporting of Missing Children)*
- (cf. 5143 - Insurance)*
- (cf. 5144 - Discipline)*
- (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*
- (cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)*
- (cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)*
- (cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*

Staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students during school hours, during school-sponsored activities, and while students are using district transportation to and from school.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety, as well as injury and disease prevention.

- (cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)*
- (cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SAFETY (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8482-8484.6 *After School Education and Safety Program*
17280-17317 *Building approvals (Field Act)*
17365-17374 *Fitness of school facilities for occupancy*
32001 *Fire alarms and drills*
32020 *School gates; entrances for emergency vehicles*
32030-32034 *Eye safety*
32040 *First aid equipment*
32225-32226 *Two-way communication devices in classrooms*
32240-32245 *Lead-free schools*
32250-32254 *CDE school safety and security resources unit*
32280-32289 *Safety plans*
44807 *Duty of teachers concerning conduct of students*
44808 *Exemption from liability when students are not on school property*
44808.5 *Permission for students to leave school grounds; notice (high school)*
45450-45451 *Crossing guards*
48900 *Hazing*
49300-49307 *School safety patrol*
49330-49335 *Injurious objects*
49341 *Hazardous materials in school science laboratories*
51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

GOVERNMENT CODE

810-996.6 *California Tort Claims Act*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

115725-115735 *Playground safety*
115775-115800 *Wooden playground equipment*
115810-115816 *Playground safety and recycling grants*

PENAL CODE

245.6 *Hazing*

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

5411 *Purchase of equipment usable by physically disabled persons*

VEHICLE CODE

21100 *Rules and regulations; crossing guards*
21212 *Use of helmets*
42200 *Fines and forfeitures, disposition by cities*
42201 *Fines and forfeitures, disposition by counties*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

202 *Exclusion of students with a contagious disease*
570-576 *School safety patrols*
5531 *Supervision of social activities*
5552 *Playground supervision*
5570 *When school shall be open and teachers present*

14103 *Bus driver; authority over pupils*

COURT DECISIONS

Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers, (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1138
Kahn v. East Side Union High School District, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 990
Hoyem v. Manhattan Beach City School District, (1978) 22 Cal. 3d 508
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Management Resources: (see next page)

SAFETY (continued)

Management Resources:

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

Handbook for Public Playground Safety, Pub. No. 325, 1994, rev. 1997

WEB SITES

American Society for Testing and Materials: <http://www.astm.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lss>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osep/gtss.html>

SAFETY

Each principal or designee shall establish school rules for the safe and appropriate use of school equipment and materials and for student conduct consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Copies of the rules shall be distributed to parents/guardians and shall be readily available at the school at all times.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Release of Students

Students shall be released during the school day only to the custody of an adult if:

1. The adult is the student's custodial parent/guardian.

(cf. 5021 - Noncustodial Parents)

2. The adult has been authorized on the student's emergency card as someone to whom the student may be released when the custodial parent/guardian cannot be reached, and the principal or designee verifies the adult's identity.

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

3. The adult is an authorized law enforcement officer acting in accordance with law.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)

4. The adult is taking the student to emergency medical care at the request of the principal or designee.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

Supervision of Students

Teachers shall be present at their respective rooms and shall open them to admit students not less than 10 minutes before the time when school starts. (5 CCR 5570)

Every teacher shall hold students accountable for their conduct on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds, and during recess. (Education Code 44807)

The principal or designee shall require all individuals supervising students to remain alert in spotting dangerous conditions, promptly report any such conditions to the principal or designee, and file a written report on such conditions as appropriate.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

SAFETY (continued)

Activities with Safety Risks

Because of concerns about the risk to student safety, the principal or designee shall not permit the following activities on campus or during school-sponsored events unless the activity is properly supervised, students wear protective gear as appropriate, and each participant has insurance coverage:

1. Trampolining
2. Scuba diving
3. Skateboarding or use of scooters
4. In-line or roller skating or use of skate shoes
5. Sailing, boating, or water skiing
6. Snow trips
7. Motorcycling
8. Target shooting
9. Horseback riding
10. Rodeo
11. Other activities determined by the principal to have a high risk to student safety

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

Students who operate or ride as a passenger on a bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, or skateboard upon a street, bikeway, or any other public bicycle path or trail shall wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets the standards of law. Students also shall be required to wear such helmets while wearing in-line or roller skates. (Vehicle Code 21212)

Laboratory Safety

The principal of each school offering laboratory work shall develop procedures for laboratory safety and designate a trained certificated employee to implement and regularly review these procedures.

SAFETY (continued)

Eye Safety Devices

The Superintendent or designee shall provide schools with eye safety devices for use whenever students, teachers, or visitors are engaged in or observing an activity or using hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. Eye safety devices may be sold to students for an amount not to exceed their actual cost to the district. (Education Code 32030, 32031, 32033)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

Protection Against Insect Bites

To help protect students against insect bites or stings that may spread disease or cause allergic reactions, students shall be allowed to apply insect repellent provided by their parents/guardians, under the supervision of school personnel, and in accordance with the manufacturer's directions, when engaging in outdoor activities.

IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

District personnel, including but not limited to teachers, administrators, school aides, school playground workers and school bus drivers, are encouraged to report missing children to a law enforcement agency in a timely manner in order to provide those children a necessary level of protection.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32390 Voluntary program for fingerprinting students

38139 Posting of information about missing children

48980 Parental notification of district programs, rights and responsibilities

49068.5-49068.6 Missing children; transfers

49370 Legislative intent re: reporting of missing children

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

640-641 Student fingerprinting program

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

Department of Justice/Attorney General's Office: <http://www.caag.state.ca.us/app>

IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

Notices About Missing Children

Every school shall post in an appropriate area information provided by the Department of Justice on missing children. For elementary schools, such information shall be posted in an area restricted to adults. (Education Code 38139)

If a school receives notice from a law enforcement agency that a child enrolled in that school has been reported missing, the principal or designee shall place a notice that the child has been reported missing on the front of the child's school record. If a school receives a record inquiry or request from any person or entity regarding a missing child about whom the school has been notified, the principal or designee shall immediately notify the law enforcement authorities who informed the school of the missing child's status. (Education Code 49068.6)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Fingerprinting Program

Fingerprint services shall be provided in accordance with law and standards developed by the California Department of Education. (5 CCR 641)

Any report or document containing a student's fingerprints shall be given to the parents/guardians. It may be given with the child's report card or any other document routinely mailed to parents/guardians, or may be given in person at any parent-teacher conference. No report or document containing a student's fingerprints shall be kept by the district or given to any other private or public entity. (Education Code 32390)

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Governing Board recognizes that walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school promote students' physical activity and reduce vehicle traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. As part of the district's coordinated approach to supporting student wellness and safety and enhancing student learning, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies to establish and promote safe routes to school program activities.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Superintendent or designee may identify a program coordinator or establish district and/or school site committees to oversee and coordinate related activities.

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with local public works and public safety departments, transportation agencies, other city and county agencies, school staff, students, parents/guardians and parent organizations, health organizations, community organizations, and/or businesses in the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Strategies shall be based on the grade levels of the students and an assessment of the conditions and needs of each school and the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Superintendent or designee shall explore the availability of grant funds and other sources of funding to support related projects and activities.

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)
(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the implementation of program activities and progress toward program goals. Such reports may include, but not be limited to, levels of participation in promotional and educational activities, survey results of parent/guardian attitudes about allowing their child to walk or bicycle to school, tallies of the numbers of students using various modes of travel to and from school and how these numbers have changed over time, records of student attendance and on-time arrival, and injury data within the school and/or district attendance boundaries.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (continued)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32283 *Comprehensive safety plan*

45450-45451 *Crossing guards*

GOVERNMENT CODE

65352.2 *General planning; communication between cities, counties and school districts*

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE

2333.5 *Safe routes to schools construction program*

VEHICLE CODE

21200-21212 *Operation of bicycles, especially:*

21212 *Helmet required for bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, skateboard, skates*

21949-21971 *Pedestrian rights and duties*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 23

148 *Highway safety improvement program*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751 *Note Local wellness policy*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Safe Routes to School: Program and Policy Strategies for School Districts, Policy Brief, August 2009

Building Collaboration: Tools and Ideas for Creating Active Living, Healthy Eating Communities,

August 2009

NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

Safe Routes to School Guide

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION PUBLICATIONS

Safe Routes to School Toolkit, 2002

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Safe Routes to School 2009 Policy Report: Moving to the Future: Building on Early Achievements,

March 2009

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Center for Physical Activity: <http://www.caphysicalactivity.org>

California Department of Transportation, *Safe Routes to School:*

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm>

National Center for Safe Routes to School: <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <http://www.nhtsa.gov>

Safe Routes to School National Partnership: <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org>

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Safe Routes to School:*

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes>

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

District strategies to improve student safety along routes to school and to promote walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school by students may include:

1. Education activities that promote safety and awareness, such as:
 - a. Instructing students about pedestrian, bicycle, and personal safety
 - b. Instructing students about the health and environmental benefits of walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

- c. Offering driver safety education to high school students, parents/guardians, and the community
2. Encouragement strategies designed to generate interest in active transport to school, such as:
 - a. Organizing or facilitating "walking school buses" and/or "bicycle trains" whereby students walk or bike to school in groups escorted by parents/guardians or other volunteers as needed
 - b. Organizing special events and activities, such as Walk or Bike to School Day, International Walk to School Month, or year-round competitions
 - c. Publicizing the district's efforts in order to build support of parents/guardians and the community, including providing information about the district's safe routes to school program in parent/guardian communications and in any notifications about transportation options

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)

3. Enforcement strategies to deter unsafe behaviors of drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, such as:
 - a. Initiating or expanding crossing guard, student safety patrol, and/or parent/guardian safety patrol programs

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (continued)

- b. Partnering with local law enforcement to help ensure that traffic laws are obeyed in the vicinity of schools and to implement appropriate measures such as placement of speed feedback monitors, ticketing, and/or driver safety campaigns
 - c. Monitoring to ensure that students who bicycle to school or who use skateboards, skates, or nonmotorized scooters wear helmets in accordance with Vehicle Code 21212
4. Engineering strategies that address the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of traffic control devices or physical measures, such as:
- a. Working with local government agencies, parents/guardians, school staff, and others as appropriate to gather data about environmental conditions and hazards along routes to school

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

- b. Working with local government agencies to make operational and physical improvements that reduce or eliminate hazards, such as reducing motor vehicle traffic speeds in the area and establishing safer and fully accessible crosswalks, walkways, trails, and bikeways
- c. Assessing the adequacy, accessibility, and safety of bicycle parking at schools and making modifications as needed, such as increasing the number of or relocating bicycle racks and/or equipment storage areas

(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

- d. Considering safe routes to school when making decisions about siting and designing of new schools

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)

5. Evaluation to assess progress toward program goals, including:
- a. Gathering and interpreting data based on indicators established by the Superintendent or designee and the Governing Board

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (continued)

- b. Presenting data to the Board, program partners, and the public
- c. Recommending program modifications as needed

INSURANCE

Athletic Teams

Each student participating on a school athletic team shall have insurance protection in the amounts specified in law and administrative regulation for medical and hospital expenses resulting from accidental bodily injury. (Education Code 32221)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

If a student does not have insurance protection or a reasonable equivalent of health benefits through other means, including, but not limited to, purchase by the student or his/her parent/guardian, the district shall offer a medical or hospital service or insurance program. (Education Code 32221)

The cost of the insurance protection shall be paid by the parent/guardian of an athletic team member or other persons on the student's behalf.

However, if the parent/guardian is financially unable to pay the costs, the costs shall be paid by the district and/or student body organization. (Education Code 32221)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)

Field Trips/Excursions

The district shall offer medical and/or hospital service or insurance protection for students injured while participating in any excursion or field trip under the jurisdiction of, sponsored by, or controlled by the district. (Education Code 35331)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

Parents/guardians choosing to participate in the insurance program offered by the district shall pay the costs of the medical or hospital service or insurance protection.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

INSURANCE (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

10900-10914.5 *Community recreation activities*

32220-32224 *Insurance for athletic teams*

33353.5 *Interscholastic federation; insurance program; nontransaction of insurance*

35331 *Insurance for field trips and excursions*

48980 *Parental notifications*

48985 *Notices to parents in language other than English*

49470-49474 *District medical services and insurance*

51760 *Insurance, work experience programs*

52530 *Insurance for healing arts program students*

INSURANCE CODE

10493 *Benefit and relief association*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

51050-51190.5 *Definitions of Medi-Cal providers and services*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA, *Medi-Cal Services Program*: http://www.csba.org/ds/medi_cal.htm

California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov>

California Department of Insurance: <http://www.insurance.ca.gov>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov>

Healthy Families Program: <http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov>

Medi-Cal: <http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov>

INSURANCE

Athletic Teams

"Members of a school athletic team" include: (Education Code 32220)

1. Members of any extramural athletic team engaged in athletic events on or outside school grounds
2. Members of school bands or orchestras, cheerleaders and their assistants, pompom girls, team managers and their assistants, and any student selected by the school or student body organization to directly assist in the conduct of the athletic event, including incidental activities, but only while such members are being transported by or under the sponsorship or arrangements of the district or the district's student body organization to or from a school or other place of instruction and the place at which the athletic event is being conducted

Insurance for members of school athletic teams shall provide coverage for injury arising while students are: (Education Code 32221)

1. Engaging in or preparing for an athletic event sponsored or arranged by the district or student body organization
2. Being transported by the school district, or under its sponsorship, to and from the school and place of the athletic event

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Injuries arising while students are engaged in community recreational activities pursuant to Education Code 10900-10914.5 are excluded. (Education Code 32222)

The district shall offer for medical and hospital expenses resulting from accidental bodily injury at least \$1,500 for all medical and hospital expenses. (Education Code 32221)

The district requires each student participating on a school athletic team to have insurance protection in the amount offered by the district. (Education Code 32221)

Prior to participating in athletic activities, each member of an athletic team shall provide proof of insurance coverage to the Superintendent or designee.

INSURANCE (continued)

Offers of insurance coverage sent to athletic team members shall include the following statement printed in boldface type of prominent size: (Education Code 32221.5)

Under state law, school districts are required to ensure that all members of school athletic teams have accidental injury insurance that covers medical and hospital expenses. This insurance requirement can be met by the school district offering insurance or other health benefits that cover medical and hospital expenses.

Some students may qualify to enroll in no-cost or low-cost local, state, or federally sponsored health insurance programs. Information about these programs may be obtained by calling (866) 298-8443.

The above statement shall also be included into any other letters or printed materials, in boldface type of prominent size, that contain the name and/or logo of the district and are sent to members of school athletic teams to inform them of the provisions of Education Code 32220-32224 or any other state law regarding the provision of insurance protection. (Education Code 32221.5)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

DISCIPLINE

The Governing Board desires to prepare students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board believes that high expectations for student behavior, effective classroom management and parent involvement can minimize the need for discipline. Staff shall use preventative measures and positive conflict resolution techniques whenever possible.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Board policies and regulations shall delineate acceptable student conduct and provide the basis for sound disciplinary practices. Each school shall develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's individual needs.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

When misconduct occurs, staff shall implement appropriate discipline and attempt to identify and address the causes of the student's behavior. Continually disruptive students may be assigned to alternative programs or removed from school in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation. At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)
(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)
(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)
(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently and without discrimination.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing classroom management skills and implementing effective disciplinary techniques.

DISCIPLINE (continued)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Legal Reference:

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Parental liability for child's misconduct

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 School safety plans

35146 Closed sessions

35291 Rules

35291.5-35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules

37223 Weekend classes

44807.5 Restriction from recess

48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion

48980-48985 Notification of parents or guardians

49000-49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

49330-49335 Injurious objects

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

307 Participation in school activities until departure of bus

353 Detention after school

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1999

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1010.89 Physical Exercise as Corporal Punishment, CIL 89/9-3

1223.88 Corporal Punishment, CIL: 88/9-5

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

USDOE: <http://www.ed.gov>

DISCIPLINE

Site-Level Rules

In developing site-level disciplinary rules, the school shall solicit the participation, views and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (Education Code 35291.5)

1. Parents/guardians
2. Teachers
3. School administrators
4. School security personnel, if any

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

5. For junior high and high schools, students enrolled in the school

The rules shall be consistent with law, Governing Board policy and district regulations. The Board may review, at an open meeting, the approved school discipline rules for consistency with Board policy and state law. (Education Code 35291.5)

Each school shall review its site-level discipline rules at least every two years.

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

Disciplinary strategies provided in Board policy, regulation and law may be used in developing site-level rules. These strategies include but are not limited to:

1. Referral of the student for advice and counseling

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

2. Discussion or conference with parents/guardians

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

3. Detention during and after school hours
4. Community service
5. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment

DISCIPLINE (continued)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

6. Removal from the class in accordance with Board policy, administrative regulation and law

7. Suspension and expulsion

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student. (Education Code 49001)

For purposes of this policy, corporal punishment does not include an employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect the employee, students, staff or other persons or to prevent damage to property or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student. (Education Code 49001)

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

Detention After School

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day. (5 CCR 353)

If a student will miss his/her school bus on account of being detained after school, or if the student is not transported by school bus, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the detention at least one day in advance so that alternative transportation arrangements may be made. The student shall not be detained unless the principal or designee notifies the parent/guardian.

In cases where the school bus departs more than one hour after the end of the school day, students may be detained until the bus departs. (5 CCR 307, 353)

Students shall remain under the supervision of a certificated employee during the period of detention.

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Students may be offered the choice of serving their detention on Saturday rather than after school.

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

Community Service

As part of or instead of disciplinary action, the Board, Superintendent, principal or principal's designee may, at his/her discretion, require a student to perform community service on school grounds, or with written permission of the student's parent/guardian off school grounds, during nonschool hours. Such service may include, but is not limited to, community or school outdoor beautification, campus betterment, and teacher, peer or youth assistance programs. (Education Code 48900.6)

This community service option is not available for a student who has been suspended, pending expulsion, pursuant to Education Code 48915. However, if the recommended expulsion is not implemented or the expulsion itself is suspended, then a student may be required to perform community service for the resulting suspension pursuant to this section. (Education Code 48900.6)

Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, about the availability of district rules related to discipline. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide written notice of the rules related to discipline to transfer students at the time of their enrollment in the district.