

HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

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

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent/Principal 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.

"Do Not Resuscitate" Orders

The Board believes that staff members should not be placed in the position of determining whether or not to follow any parental or medical "do not resuscitate" orders. Staff shall not accept or follow any such orders except under the specific written direction of the Superintendent/Principal or designee. The Superintendent/Principal or designee may only direct a staff member to follow a "do not resuscitate" order if he/she has received a written parent/guardian authorization, with an authorized health care provider statement, and an order of an appropriate court.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians who have submitted a "do not resuscitate" order are informed of this policy.

Automated External Defibrillators

The Board authorizes the Superintendent/Principal or designee to place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at designated school sites for use by school employees in an emergency.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall develop guidelines for employees regarding these devices and shall ensure that employees receive information that describes sudden cardiac arrest, the school's emergency response plan, and the proper use of an AED. The guidelines shall also specify the placement, security, and maintenance of the AED.

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The authorization of AEDs in school shall not be deemed to create a guarantee that an AED will be present or will be used in the case of an emergency, or that a trained employee will be present and/or able to use an AED in an emergency, or that the AED will operate properly.

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*
49417 *Automated external defibrillators*
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 *Automated external defibrillators, immunity from civil liability*
1797.200 *Emergency medical services agency*
1799.102 *Personal liability immunity*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 *California Bloodborne Pathogens Standard*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

100031-100042 *Automated external defibrillators*

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, the principal or designee shall annually request that parents/guardians provide the following information:

1. Home address and telephone number
2. Parent/guardian's business address and telephone number
3. Parent/guardian's cell phone number and email address, if applicable
4. Name, address, and telephone number of an alternative contact person 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. 5142 - Safety)

In addition, parents/guardians shall be encouraged to notify the school whenever their emergency contact information changes.

Notification/Consent for Medical Treatment

Whenever a student requires emergency or urgent medical treatment while at school or a school-sponsored activity, the principal or designee shall contact the parent/guardian or other person identified on the emergency contact form in order to obtain consent for the medical treatment.

If the student's parent/guardian or other contact person cannot be reached to provide consent, the principal may seek reasonable medical treatment for the student as needed, unless the parent/guardian has previously filed with the district a written objection to any medical treatment other than first aid.

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

A person who has filed with the district a completed caregiver's authorization affidavit pursuant to Family Code 6550-6552 shall have the right to consent to or refuse school-related medical care on behalf of the minor student. The caregiver's authorization shall be invalid if the district receives notice that the minor student is no longer living with the caregiver or if the Superintendent/Principal or designee has actual knowledge of facts contrary to those stated on the affidavit. (Family Code 6550)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

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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)

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When an automated external defibrillator (AED) is placed in school, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall notify an agent of the local emergency medical services agency of the existence, location, and type of AED acquired. (Health and Safety Code 1797.196, 1797.200)

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that any AED placed at school is maintained and tested according to the operation and maintenance guidelines set forth by the manufacturer. (Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall develop a written plan which describes the procedures to be followed in the event of a medical emergency, including an emergency that may involve the use of an AED. These procedures should include, but not be limited to, requirements for immediate notification of the 911 emergency telephone number in the event of an emergency that may involve the use of an AED.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

The principal of any school with an AED shall annually provide information to school employees that describes: (Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

1. Sudden cardiac arrest
2. The school's emergency response plan
3. The proper use of an AED

Instructions on how to use the AED, in no less than 14-point type, shall be posted next to every AED. In addition, school employees shall be notified annually of the location of all AED units on campus. (Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

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

Each AED shall be checked for readiness at least biannually and after each use. In addition, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that an inspection is made of all AEDs at least every 90 days for potential issues related to operability of the device, including a blinking light or other obvious defect that may suggest tampering or that another problem has arisen

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with the functionality of the AED. The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall maintain records of these checks. (Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Regulation

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