

HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

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- (cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*
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- (cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*
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Resuscitation Orders

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all parents/guardians are informed of this policy.

HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES (continued)**Automated External Defibrillators**

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Districts considering placing an AED on school grounds should work closely with medical professionals, the manufacturer of the device, local officials, nonprofit organizations, and the district's risk manager or insurance specialist to ensure that necessary precautions are taken, such as staff training, equipment maintenance and storage, placement of the devices, and record-keeping. Local chapters of the American Red Cross and American Heart Association may help provide training and facilitate the purchase of AEDs. District legal counsel should also be consulted.

The Board authorizes the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at the school for use by designated personnel who have volunteered to receive training in the use of AEDs.

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The authorization of AEDs in the district school shall not be deemed to create a guarantee or obligation to use the AED in the case of an emergency nor any expectation that an AED or trained employee will be present and/or able to use an AED in an emergency or any expectation that the AED will operate properly.

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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>

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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 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)

In addition, parents/guardians shall be encouraged to notify the school whenever their emergency contact information changes. Age appropriate students may be allowed to update emergency contact information throughout the school year and provide an alternative if no parent/guardian is available.

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.

Any 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 from the caregiver that the minor student is no longer living with the caregiver. (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)

