Students

School Health Services

The Board of Education 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 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 the results of 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.

The Board may prioritize school health services to schools with the greatest need, including schools with medically underserved populations, a high percentage of low-income and uninsured children and youth, large numbers of English learners, Academic Performance Index rankings in deciles 1-3, and/or a shortage of health professionals in the community.

School health services shall be provided or supervised by a licensed health care professional. The Board may employ or contract with health care professionals or partner with community health centers to provide the services.

If a school nurse is employed by the school or district, he/she shall be involved in planning and implementing the school health services as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the provision of school health services with other student wellness initiatives, including health education, nutrition and physical fitness programs, 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.

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, Health and Safety Code 124260, or other applicable law.

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

Payment/Reimbursement for Services

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 outreach strategies to increase 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.

**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.

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**
8800-8807 Healthy Start support services for children
49073-49079 Privacy of student records
49423.5 Specialized physical health care services
49557.2-49558 Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals; sharing information with Medi-Cal

**FAMILY CODE**
6920-6929 Consent by minor for medical treatment

**GOVERNMENT CODE**
95020 Individualized family service plan

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**
104830-104865 School-based application of fluoride or other tooth decay-inhibiting agent
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
124172-124174.6 Public School Health Center Support Program
124260 Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older
130300-130317 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

**WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE**
14059.5 Definition of "medically necessary"
14100.2 Confidentiality of Medi-Cal information
14115 Medi-Cal claims process
14124.90 Third-party health coverage
14132.06 Covered benefits; health services provided by local educational agencies
14132.47 Administrative claiming process and targeted case management

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 10**
2699.6500-2699.6905 Healthy Families Program
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17
2951 Testing standards for hearing tests
6800-6874 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22
51009 Confidentiality
51050-51192 Definitions of Medi-Cal providers and services
51200 Requirements for providers
51231.2 Wheelchair van requirements
51270 Local educational agency provider; conditions for participation
51304 Limitations on specified benefits
51309 Psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, audiological services
51323 Medical transportation services
51351 Targeted case management services
51360 Local educational agency; types of services
51491 Local educational agency eligibility for payment
51535.5 Reimbursement to local educational agency providers

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act (FERPA)

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
1320c-9 Prohibition against disclosure of records
1397aa-1397jj State Children's Health Insurance Program

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 42
431.300 Use and disclosure of information on Medicaid applicants and recipients

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45
164.500-164.534 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

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