

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administrative Regulation

AR 5131.65

Students

Asthma

It is the goal of the Oakland Unified School District that students attend school and reach their potential. The District is aware that asthma is a leading cause of school absences and affects students of the District at disproportionately high rates. Illness related to asthma interferes with student achievement. To that end, the District will:

- 1) Educate Staff, Students, and Parents/Guardians about Asthma
 - a) Ensure that all school nurses be provided professional development training on asthma during their first year and at least once every two years, at which time they will receive appropriate curriculum for training staff, students, and parents/guardians.
 - b) Ensure that all staff be provided with in-service training updated annually by a Nurse or other Educator who has had asthma training.
 - c) Provide a brief written summary including basic asthma facts and the District policy regarding asthma medications to parents/guardians of children with asthma upon registration and at the beginning of each school year.
 - d) Provide schools with information regarding emergency management of asthma to post in designated locations.

- 2) Establish Management and Support Systems for Students with Asthma
 - a) Designate a school nurse with appropriate training and experience as an asthma specialist to serve as a coordinator of the Oakland Unified School District's asthma-related activities.
 - b) Identify students who have asthma and/or are at risk for severe asthma attacks or missing school due to asthma by including relevant questions on the Student Emergency Card.
 - c) Provide copies of the District asthma medication forms and required Asthma Action Plan to Parents/guardians of children with asthma upon registration or receipt by the school of the completed emergency card, at the beginning of each school year, or upon diagnosis of asthma. Completed Asthma Action Plans will be kept on file in an accessible location in the school with a copy in the student's cumulative file.
 - d) Provide a list of students identified with asthma to the designated school

- nurse asthma specialist each year and update the list as needed.
- e) Make referrals as appropriate by the school to medical providers and/or health educators for students without current providers identified.
 - f) Ensure that students with asthma may carry and self-administer asthma medications with signed release by a parent/guardian and medical provider.
 - g) Encourage parents of students who carry and self-administer asthma medications to supply relief medication to the school in the event the student's medication is not available. Medications will be kept labeled and dated in a location readily accessible to the student, brought on field trips, and included in emergency evacuations.
 - h) Request parents of students who are not able to carry and self-administer asthma medications to provide asthma medications to the school where they will be kept labeled and dated in a location readily accessible to the student, brought on field trips, and included in emergency evacuations.
 - i) Ensure that each school have at least three staff members who receive training in the administration of asthma medications to students with asthma by the school nurse asthma specialist or other nurse who has had asthma training.

Legal Reference:

Education Codes:

33308.5 Program Guidelines

49423 Assistance in Taking Prescribed Medication

49423.1 Administration of Asthma Medication

49423.6 Administration of Medication

51890 Comprehensive Health Education Programs

51913 Plan for a Comprehensive Health Education Program

51920 Inservice Training

State Law:

AB2132 Amends CEC 49423 Authorizes Pupils to Carry and Self Administer Asthma Medication

Federal Law:

HR2023 Right to Carry and Self Administer Asthma Medications in School

Business and Professions Codes:

2700-2837 Nursing, especially:

2726 Authority not conferred

2727 Exceptions in general

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