

HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office recognizes the importance of taking appropriate action whenever an emergency threatens the safety, health, or welfare of a student at school/program site 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. 5141.23 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools 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 County 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.

County Office staff shall appropriately report and document student accidents.

Automated External Defibrillators

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

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for employees regarding the use of these devices and shall ensure that employees receive training on their proper use and handling. The guidelines shall also specify the placement, security, and maintenance of the AED.

The authorization of AEDs in school/program sites 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.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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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 Services: <http://www.dhs.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/program administrator 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 County Office a completed caregiver's authorization affidavit for a minor County Office 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 County Office 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)

Automated External Defibrillators

When an automated external defibrillator (AED) is placed in the school, the principal/program administrator or designee shall ensure that: (Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

1. School employees annually receive a brochure, with contents and style approved by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross, that describes the proper use of an AED

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2. The American Heart Association or American Red Cross brochure or similar information is posted next to every AED
3. School employees are annually notified of the location of all AED units on school/program site grounds

The principal/program administrator shall designate the trained employees who shall be available to respond to an emergency that may involve the use of an AED during the hours of classroom instruction or when a school/program site-sponsored activity is occurring on school/program site grounds. (Health and Safety Code 1797.196)

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office 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 Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall develop processes for the administration of medication to such students by school/program site 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/program site personnel only when the County 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/program site 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 County Office 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 Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools 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/program site personnel or allowed to self-administer certain medication as long as the County Office receives written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian in accordance with law, County Office policy and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48980, 49423)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The County 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/program site 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 County Office 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 County Office 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 County Office 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 County Office 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/program site 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)

1. Consent to the self-administration

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2. Release the County Office and school/program site 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 County 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/program site by the parent/guardian, unless the County 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 County Office 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/program 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/County Office Responsibilities

The school nurse or other designated school/program site 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 County Office in a locked drawer or cabinet
10. Communicate with the physician regarding the medication and its effects
11. Counsel school/program site 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

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT

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

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

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

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

County Superintendent 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 school/program site 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 - Student Health and Social 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)

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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

Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief Sonora

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES 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. 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**

When registering their child for school/program site and annually thereafter, parents/guardians of all students shall be requested to notify the principal/program administrator 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 severe asthma attacks. Parents/guardians shall provide authorization for the limited release of medical information related to their child's health records in order for the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office to provide support services or to respond in an emergency. The principal/program administrator or designee shall so notify the student's teacher(s), school/program site nurse, coach(es), bus driver, and any other staff with responsibility for direct supervision of the student.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Plan for Individualized Asthma Management

The County Superintendent or designee shall request the parents/guardians of each student identified with asthma to annually submit an asthma action plan developed by the student's health care provider in partnership with the student and his/her parents/guardians. The action plan shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding the student's symptoms and severity, asthma triggers, medications needed by the student, and authorization for disclosure of health information to the County Superintendent. For students 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 504 accommodation 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)

Any student who needs to take prescribed medication during the school/program site day may be assisted by a school/program nurse or designated school/program site personnel or allowed to carry and self-administer inhaled asthma medication provided that: (1) the County Superintendent 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, and (2) the self administration authorization is documented in the student's asthma action plan.

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

Students shall be encouraged to notify their teacher, coach, or other staff when they are experiencing symptoms and/or need to alter their physical activity level.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

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Upon request by the student or his/her parents/guardians, the County Superintendent or designee may provide information about available medical resources, including school/program site-based health services as appropriate.

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)

Emergency Response

In case of emergency, staff shall call 911 and administer quick-relief medication as authorized in the student's asthma action plan, accommodation plan, or IEP. Staff shall also continue to supervise the student and contact his/her parent/guardian or other person identified as an emergency contact.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

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

Professional Development

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. The professional development shall be provided by a school nurse or other qualified health professional or educator who has received related training.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Environmental Assessment

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

The County Superintendent or designee shall communicate with each school principal/program administrator 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.

(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)

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 504 accommodation plan or 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 or 504 accommodation plan
- 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 County Office 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 County Office shall maintain the physician and parent/guardian statements, as well as the specific standardized procedures to be used if the services are provided. The County Office shall also maintain daily documentation of specific

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services provided and shall include the signatures of the personnel who performed the 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>

AVAILABILITY OF CONDOMS

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office strongly encourages students to abstain from sexual activity. However, the County Office also believes it has a responsibility to take steps to prevent pregnancy among minors, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and other sexually transmitted diseases among students who do not abstain from sexual activity.

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

Condoms, when properly used, can reduce the incidence of pregnancy and transmission of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The County Office therefore finds it appropriate for condoms to be available to male and female students at high school.

Condoms shall be available to individual high school students at locations designated by the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools or designee. Related information shall be provided at the same locations, and a licensed health care professional shall be available to counsel students.

Condoms shall be provided in their original packaging, along with the manufacturer's instructions. Students shall receive additional information as appropriate and necessary regarding the proper use of condoms and their effectiveness.

Students shall be advised not to engage in unlawful sexual activity and shall receive information explaining that Penal Code 261.5 prohibits a male of any age from having sexual intercourse with a female under 18 to whom he is not married.

Verbal and/or written information shall be available to students obtaining condoms which stresses that abstinence is the only 100 percent effective method of preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and which does not condone or in any way encourage sexual activity among or with minors.

The County Superintendent or designee may provide addresses and telephone numbers of resources that provide further information and counseling regarding HIV testing, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and pregnancy prevention.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

The County Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of County Office policy regarding the availability of condoms and shall seek parent/guardian involvement in developing plans for implementing this policy.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

AVAILABILITY OF CONDOMS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49062 *Records; establishment, maintenance and destruction*

49069 *Absolute right to access*

49422 *Supervision of health and physical development of pupils*

51934 *AIDS prevention instruction*

FAMILY CODE

6925 *Prevention or treatment of pregnancy*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

121255 *Further findings and declarations*

PENAL CODE

261.5 *Unlawful sexual intercourse with female under age 18*

286 *Sodomy*

288 *Lewd or lascivious acts with child under age 14*

288a *Oral copulation*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7906 *Prohibition against use of federal funds for contraceptive distribution*

COURT DECISIONS

People v. Beeman (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 547, 561

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.hkresources.org>

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

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

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

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office recognizes that periodic health examinations of students may lead to the detection and treatment of conditions that impact learning. Health examinations also may help in determining whether special adaptations of the school program are necessary.

In addition to verifying that students have complied with legal requirements for health examinations and immunizations before enrolling in school/program site, the County Office shall administer tests for vision, hearing and scoliosis as required by law.

(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
(cf. 5141.32 - Child Health and Disability Prevention Program)
(cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools 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 County Office 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*

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

The principal/program administrator at each school/program site shall notify parents/guardians of the rights of students and parents/guardians related to health examinations. (Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

A parent/guardian may annually file a written statement with the principal/program administrator withholding consent to the physical examination of his/her child. The child shall be exempt from any physical examination but shall be subject to exclusion from attendance when contagious or infectious disease is reasonably suspected. (Education Code 49451)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Vision and Hearing Tests

Students shall have their vision and hearing tested by qualified personnel authorized by the County Office. (Education Code 49452, 49454)

All students shall be tested for visual acuity when they first enroll in elementary school/program site and every three years thereafter until the student completes grade 8. External observations of the student's eyes, visual performance and perception shall be made by the school nurse and the classroom teacher. (Education Code 49455)

For male students, color vision shall be tested one time, after the student reaches grade 1. Results of the test shall be entered into the student's health record. (Education Code 49455)

Evaluation of a student's vision may be waived at the parent/guardian's request if the parent/guardian presents a certificate from either a medical doctor or an optometrist specifying the results of an examination of the student's vision including visual acuity, and, in male students, color vision. (Education Code 49455)

Visual defects or any other defects found as a result of the vision examination shall be reported to the parent/guardian with a request that remedial action be taken to correct or cure the defect. If made in writing, such reports shall not include a referral to any private practitioner, and the report of a visual defect shall be made on a form prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 49456)

The student may be referred to a public clinic or diagnostic and treatment center operated by a public hospital or by the state, county or city department of public health. (Education Code 49456)

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS (continued)

Scoliosis Screening

Each female student in grade 7 and each male student in grade 8 shall be screened for scoliosis. This screening shall comply with California Department of Education standards and shall be performed by qualified personnel as specified in law. (Education Code 49452.5)

Persons performing the screening shall not solicit, encourage or advise treatment of the student for scoliosis or any other condition discovered in the course of the screening. (Education Code 49452.5)

The parent/guardian of any student suspected of having scoliosis shall receive a notice which includes an explanation of scoliosis and describes the significance of treatment at an early age. This notice shall also describe the public services available for treatment and include a referral to appropriate community resources. (Education Code 49452.5)

IMMUNIZATIONS

To protect the health of all students and staff and to curtail the spread of infectious diseases, the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office desires to cooperate with state and local health agencies to encourage immunization of all County Office students against preventable diseases.

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

Students entering a County Office school/program site or child care and development program, 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)

A transfer student may be conditionally admitted for up to 30 school days while his/her immunization records are being transferred from the previous school. If these records do not arrive within 30 school days, the student shall present written documentation by a physician, nurse or clinic, showing that the required immunizations were received. If such documentation is not presented, the student shall be excluded from school until immunization requirements are met.

*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 SITESCDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>California Department of Health Services: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to a County Office school/program 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 County 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 County Office in grades seven through 12 shall have received the following immunizations: (Health and Safety Code 120335; 17 CCR 6020)

1. Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine
 - a. Students entering at the kindergarten level shall have received two doses on or after the first birthday, except one dose may be a measles-only vaccine.
 - b. Mumps vaccine shall not be required for students age seven or older.
 - c. Students entering or advancing to seventh grade shall be required to have a second dose of measles-containing vaccine if they have not previously obtained a second dose.

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.

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- 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
 - a. Three doses shall be required for entry into kindergarten.

Students admitted at the kindergarten level or below before August 1, 1997, shall be exempt from this requirement.
 - b. 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.
5. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine

Students who skipped kindergarten shall meet immunization requirements for hepatitis B and a second measles dose prior to entering first grade.

Students transferring into the County Office 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)

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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 County 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)

The County 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/program administrator. (17 CCR 6055)

Conditional Enrollment

The County 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

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2. He/she has a temporary exemption from immunization for medical reasons

The County 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 County 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)

The County Superintendent or designee shall record each new entrant's immunizations in the mandatory permanent student record. County Office 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)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

Child Abuse Prevention

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the County Office'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 County Office'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 County Superintendent or designee shall seek to incorporate community resources into the County Office's child abuse prevention programs. To the extent feasible, the County 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 County Superintendent recognizes that child abuse has severe consequences and that the County Office has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents of child abuse. The County 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 County Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of mandated reporters.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 *Comprehensive school safety plans*

33308.1 *Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints*

44690-44691 *Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect*

44807 *Duty concerning conduct of students*

48906 *Notification when student released to peace officer*

48987 *Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents*

49001 *Prohibition of corporal punishment*

51220.5 *Parenting skills education*

PENAL CODE

152.3 *Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act*

273a *Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health*

288 *Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting*

11164-11174.4 *Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

15630-15637 *Dependent adult abuse reporting*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4650 *Filing complaints with CDE, special education students*

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

0514.93 *Guidelines for parents to report suspected child abuse*

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Office, Crime and Violence Prevention Center: <http://safestate.org>

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

California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division:

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect

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 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, vice principal, principal, 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)

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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; Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office police or security officers; licensed nurse or health care provider; 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)

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)

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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 practicably possible 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 Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office 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)

Child Protective Services

When the initial telephone report is made, the mandated reporter shall note the name of the official contacted, the date and time contacted, and any instructions or advice received.

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 Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office 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

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- 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(s) who might have abused or neglected the child

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 may also be given to an investigator from an agency that is investigating the case. (Penal Code 11167)

3. **Internal Reporting**

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

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

The mandated reporter shall not be required to disclose his/her identity to the principal/program administrator. (Penal Code 11166)

He/she may provide or mail a copy of the written report to the principal/program administrator or County Superintendent or designee without his/her signature or name.

Reporting the information to an employer, supervisor, principal/program administrator, school/program site 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 child abuse and neglect identification and mandated reporting. (Penal Code 11165.7)

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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)

Victim Interviews

Whenever a representative of a government agency investigating suspected child abuse or neglect or the state Department of Social Services deems it necessary, a suspected victim may be interviewed during school hours, on school/program site 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/program site 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 County Superintendent or designee and/or principal shall not

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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)

Peace officers shall be asked to sign an appropriate release or acceptance of responsibility form.

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension)

Parent/Guardian Complaints

Upon request, the County Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with a copy of the County Superintendent's administrative regulation that describes how to report 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.

To file a complaint against a County Superintendent employee or other person suspected of child abuse or neglect at a school/program 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 County 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 County Superintendent shall also 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 the 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 County Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166.5)

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(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.

The County Superintendent or designee shall also 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 County Superintendent for making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

SAFETY

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office 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 Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, practices relative to school/program site 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 County Office transportation to and from the school/program site.

The County 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*
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

115725-115750 *Playground safety*
115775-115800 *Wooden playground equipment*
115810-115816 *Playground safety and recycling grants*

PENAL CODE

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SAFETY

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

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Release of Students

Students shall be released during the school/program site 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/program administrator 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)

4. The adult is taking the student to emergency medical care at the request of the principal/program administrator 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 30 minutes before the time when school/program site starts. (5 CCR 5570)

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

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

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

SAFETY (continued)

In arranging for appropriate supervision on playgrounds, the principal/program administrator or designee shall:

1. Where playground supervision is not otherwise provided, provide for certificated employees to supervise the conduct and safety, and direct the play, of students who are on school/program site grounds before and after school/program site and during recess and other intermissions (5 CCR 5552)
2. Clearly identify supervision zones on the playground and require all playground supervisors to remain outside at a location from which they can observe their entire zone of supervision
3. Consider the size of the playground area, the number of areas that are not immediately visible, and the age of the students to determine the ratio of playground supervisors to students

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall ensure that teachers, teacher aides, playground supervisors, yard aides, and volunteers who supervise students receive training in safety practices and in supervisory techniques that will help them to forestall problems and resolve conflicts. Such training shall be documented and kept on file.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

Student Safety Patrols

School/program site safety patrols shall be used only at those locations where the nature of traffic will permit their safe operation. The locations where school/program site safety patrols are used should be determined jointly with the local law enforcement agency. (5 CCR 572)

A school/program site safety patrol shall be composed of students of the school/program site who are selected by the principal/program administrator and shall serve only with written consent from their parent/guardian. Patrol members shall be at least 10 years old and at least in the fifth grade. (Education Code 49302; 5 CCR 571)

Patrol members shall be under the supervision and control of the principal/program administrator or designee and shall receive training in proper procedures, including, but not limited to, the operations specified in 5 CCR 573-574. Whenever on duty, patrol members shall wear the standard uniform required by 5 CCR 576.

SAFETY (continued)

Playground Safety

Any new playground or any replacement of equipment or modification of components inside an existing playground shall conform to standards set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. (Health and Safety Code 115725)

Any playground installed between January 1, 1994, and December 31, 1999, shall conform to these standards not later than 15 years after the date of installation. (Health and Safety Code 115725)

Activities with Safety Risks

Because of concerns about the risk to student safety, the principal/program administrator or designee shall not permit the following activities on campus or during school/program site-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/program administrator to have a high risk to student safety

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

SAFETY (continued)

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/program administrator of each school/program site offering laboratory work shall develop procedures for laboratory safety and designate a trained certificated employee to implement and regularly review these procedures.

Eye Safety Devices

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide school/program sites 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 County Office. (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/program site personnel, and in accordance with the manufacturer's directions, when engaging in outdoor activities.

DISCIPLINE

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office desires to prepare students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The County Office 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)

County Office policies and regulations shall delineate acceptable student conduct and provide the basis for sound disciplinary practices. Each school/program site shall develop disciplinary rules to meet the school/program site'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, County Office 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 Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools 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)

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