

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

The purpose of allowing medication to be given to pupil by authorized personnel is to help provide for their general welfare by following the instructions of their physicians.

Administration of medication during school hours by school personnel will be permitted when the child could not otherwise attend school under the following conditions:

1. The physician states that it is necessary for medication to be given during school hours or the medication may be needed in an emergency such as an allergic reaction.
2. Specific written directions for the administration of the medication are given to school personnel by the physician.
3. Written authorization for the administration of the medication is signed by both parent(s) or guardian(s).
4. Medication is brought to school labeled with the pupil's name, the name of prescribing physician, an identification number or name of the medication, the druggist who dispensed the medication or manufacturer, the dosage to be given at specific times or in specific situations.
5. It is the parent(s) or guardian(s) responsibility to furnish all necessary information to school personnel.

Reference: Business and Professions Code Sections 2726 and 2727

Orange County Counsel's Opinion attached to letter from Orange County Superintendent of Schools, October 26, 1966

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