

Da Vinci Schools

Board Policy

SPECIALIZED PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

The Governing Board is aware that some students may require specialized physical health care services (SPHCS) during the school day in order to attend school.

The parent/guardian of students who require specialized physical health care services during the school day shall provide a written request for the needed physical health care service. (5 CCR 3051.12[b][3][E]) This request shall include:

1. the student's name, address and phone number;
2. the physician's name, address and phone number;
3. the needed health care procedure;
4. a statement authorizing unlicensed assistive personnel to perform the procedure, as approved by the physician (5 CCR 3051.12[b][3][E]);
5. a statement agreeing to notify the school immediately of any change in the child's regimen or the authorizing physician;
6. a statement agreeing to provide all supplies needed for the procedure.

The student's physician shall submit a written statement authorizing the administration of the specified physical health care service. (5 CCR 3051.12[b][3][E]) This statement shall indicate:

1. the student's name and address;
2. the condition for which treatment is to be given;
3. the specific procedure to be given (5 CCR 3051.12);
4. time schedules for the procedure (5 CCR 3051.12);
5. precautions, possible untoward reactions and recommended intervention.
6. authorization for unlicensed assistive personnel to perform the procedure, as approved by the physician (5 CCR 3051.12[b][3][E]);

School nurses and other support personnel shall follow the specific procedure guidelines as outlined by student physician order. In the absence of a procedural protocol, school nurses and other support personnel shall utilize the California Guidelines for Specialized Physical Healthcare Services in School Settings, 2nd Edition.

Any student with exceptional needs who requires SPHCS may be assisted by a credentialed school nurse or qualified designated school personnel/unlicensed assistive personnel provided the latter performs the services under the supervision of a qualified District Nurse, public health nurse or licensed physician/surgeon. (Education Code 49423.5; 5 CCR 3051.12)

California Education Code Section 49423.5 specifies that SPHCS may only be assigned to qualified designated school personnel/unlicensed assistive personnel if they are determined to meet the following criteria:

- (A) Routine for the pupil.
- (B) Pose little potential harm for the pupil
- (C) Performed with predictable outcomes, as defined in the individualized education program of the pupil.
- (D) Does not require a nursing assessment, interpretation, or decision-making by the designated school personnel.

Unlicensed school personnel designated by the site administrator perform SPHCS if:

- (A) The unlicensed staff member is willing to perform medication administration.
- (B) The unlicensed staff member is trained and determined to be capable and competent to be able to safely and accurately perform SPHCS by a licensed health care professional, who is legally authorized to provide such training and determine competence.
- (C) The unlicensed staff member performing SPHCS is supervised by the licensed health care professional who provided the training, and the supervision, review, and monitoring of the medication administration is documented.
- (D) The unlicensed staff member receives documented training and maintains current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from a recognized source of such training, such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
- (E) If designated school personnel do not volunteer or consent to perform SPHCS, the governing board employs appropriately trained or licensed staff to administer medication.

Qualified designated school personnel/unlicensed assistive personnel shall be trained in accordance with law. They shall be able to demonstrate current knowledge of community emergency medical resources and skill in the use of equipment and the performance of techniques necessary to provide specialized health care services. (Education Code 49423.5; 5 CCR 3051.12[b][1][C])

Staff designated to perform the specialized service shall maintain and sign a daily record of these services on a District form. (5 CCR 3051.12[b][1][E]) This form shall be kept either in the student's classroom or in the school health office, depending on the health services being provided.

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)

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