

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD POLICY MANUAL
POLICY GROUP 3 – STUDENTS
MEDICAL TREATMENT

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Sec. 1. CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT

IDEA Public Schools (“IDEA”) may consent to medical, dental, psychological, and surgical treatment of an enrolled student provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The person having the power to consent as otherwise provided by law cannot be contacted.
2. Actual notice to the contrary has not been given by that person.
3. Written authorization to consent has been received from that person.

Family Code 32.001(a)(4).

a) *Form of Consent*

Consent to medical treatment shall be in writing, signed by the school official giving consent, and given to the doctor, hospital, or other medical facility that administers the treatment. The consent must contain:

1. The name of the student;
2. The name of one or both parents or legal guardians, if known, and the name of the managing conservator or guardian of the student, if either has been appointed;
3. The name of the person giving consent and the person’s relation to the student;
4. A statement of the nature of the medical treatment to be given; and
5. The date on which the treatment is to begin.

Family Code 32.002.

b) *Minor’s Consent to Treatment*

A minor may consent to medical, dental, psychological, and surgical treatment furnished by a licensed physician or dentist if the minor:

1. Is on active duty with the armed services of the United States of America;
2. Is 16 years of age and residing separate and apart from the minor’s parents, managing conservator, or guardian, with or without the consent of the parents, managing conservator, or guardian and regardless of the duration of the residence, and is managing his or her own financial affairs, regardless of the source of the income;
3. Consents to the diagnosis and treatment of any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease required to be reported to the Texas Department of State Health Services, including all reportable diseases under Health and Safety Code 81.041;
4. Is unmarried and pregnant, and consents to hospital, medical, or surgical treatment, other than abortion, related to her pregnancy;
5. Consents to examination and treatment for drug or chemical addiction, drug or chemical dependency, or any other condition directly related to drug or chemical use; or

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6. Is unmarried, is the parent of a child, and has actual custody of his or her child and consents to medical, dental, psychological, or surgical treatment for the child.

Family Code 32.003.

c) *Purchasing Medication*

IDEA shall not purchase prescription medication to administer to a student, except as permitted under Board Policy 3.15 relating to the purchase of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Asthma Medicine or Opioid Antagonist Medication for administration on an emergency basis.

Sec. 2. SUNSCREEN PRODUCTS

A student may possess and use a topical sunscreen product while on school property or at a school-related event or activity to avoid overexposure to the sun and not for the medical treatment of an injury or illness if the product is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use. *Education Code 38.021.*

Sec. 3. SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF ASTHMA OR ANAPHYLAXIS MEDICINE

A student with asthma or anaphylaxis may possess and self-administer prescription asthma or anaphylaxis medicine while on school property or at a school-related event or activity if:

1. The prescription medicine has been prescribed for that student as indicated by the prescription label on the medicine;
2. The student has demonstrated to the student's physician or other licensed health care provider and the school nurse, if available, the skill level necessary to self-administer the prescription medication, including the use of any device required to administer the medication;
3. The self-administration is done in compliance with the prescription or written instructions from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider; and
4. A parent of the student provides to IDEA:
 - a. Written authorization, signed by the parent, for the student to self-administer the prescription medicine while on school property or at a school-related event or activity; and
 - b. A written statement, signed by the student's physician or other licensed health care provider, that states:
 - (1) That the student has asthma or anaphylaxis and is capable of self-administering the prescription medicine;
 - (2) The name and purpose of the medicine;
 - (3) The prescribed dosage for the medicine;
 - (4) The times at which or circumstances under which the medicine may be administered; and

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(5) The period for which the medicine is prescribed.

The physician's statement must be kept on file in the school nurse's office, or, if there is no school nurse, in the office of the Principal of the school the student attends.

Education Code 38.015.

Sec. 4. DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

An IDEA employee commits a Class C misdemeanor offense if the employee:

1. Knowingly sells, markets, or distributes a dietary supplement that contains performance enhancing compounds to a primary or secondary education student with whom the employee has contact as part of the employee's school duties; or
2. Knowingly endorses or suggests the ingestion, intranasal application, or inhalation of a dietary supplement that contains performance enhancing compounds by a primary or secondary education student with whom the employee has contact as part of the employee's school duties.

Education Code 38.011(a), (c).

Sec. 5. PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

An IDEA employee is prohibited from requiring a child to obtain a prescription for a substance covered under the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) as a condition of attending school, receiving an evaluation for special education, or receiving special education and related services. An employee is not prohibited from consulting or sharing classroom-based observations with parents or guardians regarding a student's academic and functional performance, behavior in the classroom or school, or the need for evaluation for special education or related services. *20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(25).*

Sec. 6. STUDENT ILLNESS

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to ensure that proper attention is given to a student who becomes ill during the school day.

Sec. 7. ACCIDENTS INVOLVING STUDENTS

The Superintendent or designee shall establish emergency procedures to ensure appropriate attention for a student injured at school. IDEA shall maintain records on all accidents requiring the attention of a medical doctor.

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Sec. 8. EMERGENCY TREATMENT FORMS

Each year, students and parents shall complete and sign a form that provides emergency information and authorizes school officials to obtain emergency medical treatment, as provided by law.

DATE ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE.

As set forth in the pertinent minutes to the meeting of the Board, the Board adopted this policy on September 29th, 2023, and it became effective on September 29th, 2023.

RETENTION.

This policy shall be retained until superseded, expired, or discontinued and for five (5) years thereafter in accordance with state law.

CERTIFICATION.

The Undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true copy of the Board Policy relating to Medical Treatment, as originally adopted by the Board on September 29th, 2023, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked or amended.

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A. Ryan Vaughan
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Anthony Ryan Vaughan, Board Secretary

9/30/2023

Date Certified