

# OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

*Series 5000*

*Students*

*BP 5141.6(1)*

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## **School Health Services**

The Governing Board recognizes that good physical and mental health is critical to a student's ability to learn and believes that all students should have access to comprehensive health services. The Board further recognizes that schools are uniquely positioned to increase health equity and to help ensure that all students have access to necessary health care services. The district may provide access to health services at or near district schools through the establishment of a school health center and/or mobile van(s) that serve multiple campuses, and may utilize telehealth as a delivery mechanism to increase access to health care services in schools.

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local and state agencies and health care providers to assess the health needs of students in district schools and the community. Based on the results of this needs assessment and the availability of resources, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval the types of health services to be provided by the district, including preventative programming and intervention strategies to address students' physical, mental, and behavioral health needs.

Board approval shall be required for any proposed use of district resources and facilities to support school health services. The Superintendent or designee shall identify funding opportunities available through grant programs, private foundations, and partnerships with local agencies and organizations.

The Board may prioritize school health services to schools serving students with the greatest need, including schools with medically underserved populations and/or a high percentage of low-income and uninsured children and youth.

School health services shall be provided under the supervision of a licensed health care professional. The Board may employ or contract with health care professionals or partner with community health centers to provide the services under the terms of a written contract or memorandum of understanding.

If a school nurse is employed by the school or district, the nurse shall be involved in planning and implementing the school health services as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the provision of school health services with other student wellness initiatives, including health education, nutrition and physical fitness programs, and other activities designed to create a healthy school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall encourage joint planning and regular communications among health services staff, district administrators, teachers, counselors, other staff, and parents/guardians.

To further encourage student access to health care services, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement outreach strategies to increase enrollment of eligible students from low- to moderate-income families in affordable, comprehensive state or federal health coverage programs and local health initiatives. Such strategies may include, but are not limited to, providing information about the Medi-Cal program on the application for free and reduced-price meals in accordance with law.

## **Consent and Confidentiality**

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain written parent/guardian consent prior to providing services to a student, except when the student is authorized to consent to the service pursuant to Family Code 6920-6930, Health and Safety Code 124260, or other applicable law.

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The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the confidentiality of student health records in accordance with law.

## **Payment/Reimbursement for Services**

The Superintendent or designee may bill public and private insurance programs and other applicable programs for reimbursement of services as appropriate. Services may be provided free of charge or on a sliding scale in accordance with law.

The district shall serve as a Medi-Cal provider to the extent feasible, comply with all related legal requirements, and seek reimbursement of costs to the extent allowed by law.

## **Program Evaluation**

In order to continuously improve school health services, the Board shall evaluate the effectiveness of such services and the extent to which they continue to meet student needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with periodic reports that may include, but are not necessarily limited to, rates of participation in school health services; changes in student outcomes such as school attendance or achievement; measures of school climate; feedback from staff and participants regarding program accessibility and operations, including accessibility to low-income and linguistically and culturally diverse students and families; and program costs and revenues.

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## **Policy Reference Disclaimer:**

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

### **State**

17 CCR 2950-2951  
17 CCR 6800-6874

22 CCR 51009  
22 CCR 51050-51192  
22 CCR 51200  
22 CCR 51231.2  
22 CCR 51270  
22 CCR 51304  
22 CCR 51309

22 CCR 51323  
22 CCR 51351  
22 CCR 51360  
22 CCR 51491

### **Description**

[Hearing tests](#)  
[Child Health and Disability Prevention program: health assessments](#)  
[Confidentiality](#)  
[Definitions of Medi-Cal providers and services](#)  
[Requirements for providers](#)  
[Wheelchair van requirements](#)  
[Local educational agency provider; conditions for participation](#)  
[Limitations on specified benefits](#)  
[Psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, audiological services](#)  
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22 CCR 51535.5	<a href="#">Reimbursement to local educational agency providers</a>
Ed. Code 49073-49079	<a href="#">Privacy of student records</a>
Ed. Code 49423.5	<a href="#">Specialized physical health care services</a>
Ed. Code 49557.2-49558	<a href="#">Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals; sharing information with Medi-Cal</a>
Fam. Code 6920-6930	<a href="#">Consent by minor for medical treatment</a>
Gov. Code 95020	<a href="#">Individualized family service plan</a>
H&S Code 104830-104865	<a href="#">School-based application of fluoride or other tooth decay-inhibiting agent</a>
H&S Code 121020	<a href="#">HIV/AIDS testing and treatment; parental consent for minor under age 12</a>
H&S Code 123110	<a href="#">Minor's right to access health records</a>
H&S Code 123115	<a href="#">Limitation on parent/guardian access to minor's health records</a>
H&S Code 123800-123995	<a href="#">California Children's Services Act</a>
H&S Code 124025-124110	<a href="#">Child Health and Disability Prevention Program</a>
H&S Code 124172-124174.6	<a href="#">Public School Health Center Support Program</a>
H&S Code 124260	<a href="#">Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older</a>
H&S Code 130300-130317	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
W&I Code 14059.5	<a href="#">Definition of "medically necessary"</a>
W&I Code 14115	<a href="#">Medi-Cal claims process</a>
W&I Code 14115.8	<a href="#">LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option; program guide</a>
W&I Code 14124.90	<a href="#">Third-party health coverage</a>
W&I Code 14132.06	<a href="#">Covered benefits; health services provided by local educational agencies</a>
W&I Code 14132.47	<a href="#">Administrative claiming process and targeted case management</a>
W&I Code 5961-5961.5	Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Act
<b>Federal</b>	<b>Description</b>
20 USC 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
42 CFR 431.300	Use and disclosure of information on Medicaid applicants and recipients
42 USC 1320c-9	Prohibition against disclosure of records
42 USC 1397aa-1397mm	State Children's Health Insurance Program
45 CFR 164.500-164.534	Privacy of individually identifiable health information