

INSURANCE

The Governing Board believes that all students should have health and accident insurance protection to ensure that they receive needed health care services in the event of illness or injury.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information to students and their parents/guardians about available insurance against injuries occurring during school-related activities, which may include printed matter furnished by the insurer or membership corporation. Parents/guardians shall not be required to enroll their children in insurance programs offered by the district.

- (cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*
- (cf. 3540 - Transportation)*
- (cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*
- (cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*
- (cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)*
- (cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)*
- (cf. 6178 - Vocational Education)*
- (cf. 6178.1 - Work Experience Education)*

Athletic Teams

Each student participating on a school athletic team shall have insurance protection in the amounts specified in law and administrative regulation for medical and hospital expenses resulting from accidental bodily injury. (Education Code 32221)

- (cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

If a student does not have insurance protection or a reasonable equivalent of health benefits through other means, including, but not limited to, purchase by the student or his/her parent/guardian, the district shall offer a medical or hospital service or insurance program. (Education Code 32221)

The cost of the insurance protection shall be paid by the parent/guardian of an athletic team member or other persons on the student's behalf. However, if the parent/guardian is financially unable to pay the costs, the costs shall be paid by the district and/or student body organization. (Education Code 32221)

- (cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*
- (cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)*

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Field Trips/Excursions

The district shall offer medical and/or hospital service or insurance protection for students injured while participating in any excursion or field trip under the jurisdiction of, sponsored by, or controlled by the district. (Education Code 35331) Parents/guardians choosing to participate in the insurance program offered by the district shall pay the costs of the medical or hospital service or insurance protection.

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

10900-10914.5 Community recreation activities

32220-32224 Insurance for athletic teams

33353.5 Interscholastic federation; insurance program; nontransaction of insurance

35331 Insurance for field trips and excursions

48980 Parental notifications

48985 Notices to parents in language other than English

49470-49474 District medical services and insurance

51760 Insurance, work experience programs

52530 Insurance for healing arts program students

INSURANCE CODE

10493 Benefit and relief association

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

51050-51190.5 Definitions of Medi-Cal providers and services

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA, Medi-Cal Services Program: http://www.csba.org/ds/medi_cal.htm

California Department of Health Services, Medical Care Services: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/mcs>

California Department of Insurance: <http://www.insurance.ca.gov>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov>

Healthy Families Program: <http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov>

Medi-Cal: <http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov>

Policy

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Visalia, California

Students

INSURANCE

Athletic Teams

"Members of a school athletic team" include: (Education Code 32220)

1. Members of any extramural athletic team engaged in athletic events on or outside school grounds
2. Members of school bands or orchestras, cheerleaders and their assistants, pompom girls, team managers and their assistants, and any student selected by the school or student body organization to directly assist in the conduct of the athletic event, including incidental activities, but only while such members are being transported by or under the sponsorship or arrangements of the district or the district's student body organization to or from a school or other place of instruction and the place at which the athletic event is being conducted

Insurance for members of school athletic teams shall provide coverage for injury arising while students are: (Education Code 32221)

1. Engaging in or preparing for an athletic event sponsored or arranged by the district or student body organization
2. Being transported by the school district, or under its sponsorship, to and from the school and place of the athletic event

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Injuries arising while students are engaged in community recreational activities pursuant to Education Code 10900-10914.5 are excluded. (Education Code 32222)

The district shall offer for medical and hospital expenses resulting from accidental bodily injury a group or individual medical plan which is certified by the Insurance Commissioner to be equivalent to the required coverage of at least \$1,500. (Education Code 32221)

The district requires each student participating on a school athletic team to have insurance protection in the amount offered by the district. (Education Code 32221)

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Prior to participating in athletic activities, each member of an athletic team shall provide proof of insurance coverage to the Superintendent or designee.

Offers of insurance coverage sent to athletic team members shall include the following statement printed in boldface type of prominent size: (Education Code 32221.5)

Under state law, school districts are required to ensure that all members of school athletic teams have accidental injury insurance that covers medical and hospital expenses. This insurance requirement can be met by the school district offering insurance or other health benefits that cover medical and hospital expenses.

Some students may qualify to enroll in no-cost or low-cost local, state, or federally sponsored health insurance programs. Information about these programs may be obtained by calling 800-880-5305.

The above statement shall also be included into any other letters or printed materials, in boldface type of prominent size, that contain the name and/or logo of the district and are sent to members of school athletic teams to inform them of the provisions of Education Code 32220-32224 or any other state law regarding the provision of insurance protection. (Education Code 32221.5)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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