

# Santa Barbara Unified School District

## Board Policy

BP 5143

### Students

#### 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 - Career Technical 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)*

#### 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)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)  
(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

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.

*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](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>

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