

### **1. Teachers often ask the PFT, “Do I have to be Epipen trained?”**

**Answer:** Teachers may *volunteer* to be Epipen trained (Ed Code 49414 (d)). It cannot be required. If you choose to volunteer to be Epipen trained, you must also be CPR certified. (Current CPR certification is no longer a requirement to renew a California teaching credential). **Title 8 of the California Code of Regulation, 3400 (b), and the California Education Code, 49413(b)(3) , require that CPR training be current and be based on standards of the American Red Cross (ARC) or an equivalent nationally recognized agency. Since the ARC requires hands-on training as part of their curriculum, online training without it is not acceptable. However, the ARC will accept online training if it is followed by a demonstration of practical skills. They will allow the candidate a specific period of time to visit one of their offices/training centers and show proficiency on a manikin. Please ensure the hands-on component is available to you before signing up for an online CPR class.**

Everyone understands the desire to care for our students who may require the administration of an Epipen for a field trip. Collaborating as a staff is an effective way to decide how this will be accomplished. Here are some options other staffs have used and shared with PFT (in no particular order):

1. Willing teachers can be CPR and Epipen trained
2. Parents can be encouraged to come on the field trip (parent cannot be forced; child cannot be denied access to field trip, nor can teacher/other children in grade level be denied access to the trip due to the teacher not being trained)
3. A sub can be hired for the health tech so he/she (a trained person) can go on the field trip
4. The principal can go on the field trip (if trained)
5. Another trained teacher in the grade level can "cover" for that child if the child's teacher is not trained

Information that has been shared with us about covering costs: Teachers can pay to be CPR trained if they wish; however, they cannot be required to pay, as they are not required to be trained at all. Site funds may be used to pay for any of the above that incur costs. Possible funding sources: PTA, Foundation, or other site funds. Sites may choose to pass the cost of a sub on to all parents in the total field trip cost, to allow trained personnel to attend the field trip.

### **2. Educators often ask the PFT, “Do I have to administer Diastat for students who suffer from seizures?”**

**Answer:** Senate Bill 161 authorizes a school district, in the absence of a credentialed school nurse or other licensed nurse onsite at the school, to provide school employees with **voluntary** emergency medical training to provide emergency medical

assistance to pupils with epilepsy suffering from seizures. Specifically, SB 161 prohibits a school employee from being required to provide emergency medical assistance unless that employee volunteers and has been trained pursuant to this bill. We recognize that it is critically important to be able to administer appropriate emergency care quickly to anyone suffering an epileptic seizure. It is our understanding that our district obtains volunteers by emailing **all** school site **personnel** asking for volunteers. Receiving an email to volunteer does not mean it's a requirement. If you have questions, you can contact the PFT or if you want more information on Diastat, any one of our district nurses will be able to help you.