

New California Legislation

California recently passed several laws related to school safety and substance regulations. The table below outlines a summary of the new legislation, along with links for further details.

Legislative Bill	Summary of Requirements	Status
AB 2998 (McKinnor)	<p>Opioid overdose reversal medications: pupil administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students 12 years old and up are permitted to carry and administer naloxone hydrochloride (Narcan) on school sites and during school activities <p>More information</p>	<p>Currently active</p> <p>Approved by Governor 09/29/24</p>
SB 997 (Portantino)	<p>Pupil health: opioid antagonists and fentanyl test strips.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in middle school and up are permitted to carry naloxone hydrochloride (Narcan) on school sites and during school activities Students ages in middle school and up are permitted to carry fentanyl test strips on school sites and during school activities <p>More information</p>	<p>Currently active</p> <p>Approved by Governor 09/28/24</p>
AB 2711 (Ramos)	<p>Suspensions and expulsions: voluntary disclosures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools are prohibited from suspending students who disclose they use substances and want help through services <p>More information</p>	<p>Currently active</p> <p>Approved by Governor 09/28/24</p>
AB 2865 (Carrillo)	<p>Pupil instruction: excessive alcohol use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student instruction in health education courses about alcohol must include information on the short-term and long-term health risks of excessive alcohol use <p>More information</p>	<p>Currently active</p> <p>Approved by Governor 09/20/24</p>
AB 2690 (Patterson)	<p>Pupil safety: parental notification: synthetic drugs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annually at the beginning of the first semester, parents must be informed of the dangers associated with synthetic drugs and counterfeit pills, including information about the risk of social media platforms being used for marketing and selling drugs to youth <p>More information</p>	<p>Currently active</p> <p>Approved by Governor 09/14/24</p>
AB 1976 (Haney)	<p>Occupational safety and health standards: first aid materials: opioid antagonists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First aid stations must include naloxone hydrochloride (Narcan) in workplaces, including school sites Individuals who administer naloxone hydrochloride (Narcan) to reverse opioid overdose in a suspected opioid overdose emergency shall not be liable for civil damages <p>More information</p>	<p>Commencing by 12/1/28</p> <p>Approved by Governor 09/27/24</p>
AB 2429 (Alvarez)	<p>Pupil instruction: health education courses: fentanyl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student instruction in high school health education courses must include information on the dangers of fentanyl use <p>More information</p>	<p>Commencing 2026-2027 school year</p> <p>Approved by Governor 07/02/24</p>