



California School Nurses Organization

Position Statement

MINORS' LEGAL RIGHTS TO ACCESS HEALTH SERVICES

STATEMENT

The California School Nurses Organization (CSNO) promotes health care advocacy for students as a primary role of the Credentialed School Nurse. CSNO further supports the specific legal rights of minors to obtain safe quality confidential health care services with or without parental consent as indicated in current California law, California Family Code Sections 6920-6929.

CSNO supports California Education Code 46010.1 that requires notification to parents regarding the minor's specific legal rights. Credential School Nurses encourage students to discuss their health problems and concerns with their parents/guardians. Ensuring access to health care services is an important component of school nursing practice.

RATIONALE

The Credentialed School Nurse is uniquely qualified to promote access to health care services based on knowledge of California Education Code and California Family Law.

References:

California Education Code Sections 6920-6929. (2008). Retrieved from California Department of Education Website: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/>

California Education Code Sections 46010.1 and 48205. (2008). Retrieved from California Department of Education Website: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/>

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