

The Board is committed to enhancing the health and safety of individuals within the school environment. The District will identify specific locations for the storage of Naloxone and protocols for administration in emergency situations to assist individuals suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose.

The following words and phrases, when used in this policy, shall have the meaning given to them in this section:

**Definitions**

**Drug overdose**-shall mean an acute medical condition, including, but not limited to, severe physical illness, coma, mania, hysteria, or death, which is the result of the consumption or use of one or more controlled substances causing an adverse reaction. An individual's condition may be deemed to be a drug overdose if a prudent person, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, would reasonably believe that the condition is in fact a drug overdose and requires immediate medical attention.

**Naloxone** (Narcan)-shall mean a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug. As a narcotic antagonist, Naloxone displaces opiates from receptor sites in the brain and reverses respiratory depression that usually is the cause of overdose deaths.

**Opioid**-shall mean illegal drugs such as heroin, as well as prescription medications used to treat pain.

**Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee, in consultation with the school nurse(s) and the school physician, shall establish appropriate internal procedures for the acquisition, stocking, and administration of Naloxone and related emergency response procedures.

The school physician shall be the prescribing and supervising medical professional for the District's stocking and use of Naloxone. The Director of Student Support Services or designee shall obtain a standing order from the school physician for the administration of Naloxone.

The school nurse shall be responsible for building-level management of Naloxone. Each school nurse and any other individual(s) authorized by the Superintendent shall be trained in the administration of Naloxone.

## Guidelines

### Communication

Each building stocking Naloxone will have the school nurse, along with District administration, plan for annually informing all parents/guardians and staff about this policy and specifically:

- The availability of Naloxone to treat opioid drug overdoses and what it does;
- The symptoms of opioid drug overdoses;
- The manner in which individuals should report suspected overdoses;
- The protection from criminal prosecution provided by law for persons who:
  - report a suspected overdose using their real name and remain with the overdosing person until emergency medical services (EMS) or law enforcement arrive
  - are the individual whose overdose they report
- The protection from civil liability provided by law for persons who report overdoses or administer Naloxone in overdose emergencies.

### Standing Order from the School Physician

The school physician shall provide and annually renew a standing order for administration of Naloxone to students suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose. The standing order shall be maintained in the Superintendent's office, and copies of the standing order shall be kept in each location where Naloxone is stored.

### Training

Before any school nurse or individual may have custody of Naloxone or administer Naloxone under this policy the person(s) must:

- Complete an online Pennsylvania Department of Health training program about recognizing opioid-related overdoses, administering Naloxone, and promptly seeking medical attention for drug overdoses.
- Provide evidence of training completion and place in personnel file.

A list of School District individual(s) who successfully complete such training shall be maintained, updated, and kept in the school nurse's office and the School District Central Office.

### Acquisition, Storage, and Disposal

Naloxone shall be safely stored in the school nurse's office or other location designated by the school nurse in accordance with the drug manufacturer's instructions. Naloxone shall be made readily accessible to those individuals who have completed the required training to administer in the event of a suspected drug overdose. All properly trained individuals shall be informed of the exact location where Naloxone is being stored within the school nurse's office or other location.

The school nurse shall obtain sufficient supplies of Naloxone pursuant to the standing order in the same manner as other medical supplies acquired for the school health program. The school nurse or designee shall regularly inventory and refresh Naloxone stocks, and maintain records thereof, in accordance with the established internal procedures, manufacturer recommendations, and Department of Health Guidelines.

### Administration of Naloxone

When responding to a suspected drug overdose, trained District designees shall follow the steps outlined:

1. Call for medical help immediately (Dial 9-1-1)
2. Check for signs of opioid overdose
3. Perform initial rescue breathing (or CPR if needed), as instructed in training
4. Administer Naloxone, as instructed in training
5. Continue the rescue breathing (or CPR if needed), as instructed in training
6. Administer second dose of Naloxone, if needed, as instructed in training
7. Place in recovery position, as instructed in training
8. Stay with the individual until emergency medical help arrives
9. Cooperate with EMS personnel responding to the incident
10. Notify the building administrator or designee of the incident

### Referral to Law Enforcement and Parental Notification

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report incidents involving the use of controlled substances on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, or during transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity, to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving use of controlled substances. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department has jurisdiction over the school property, has been

there, or may be notified of the incident. Documentation will occur of the attempts to reach the parent/guardian.

#### Referral to Student Assistance Program

Any student who experiences a drug overdose shall be referred to the District's Student Assistance Program.

#### Indemnification

The School District shall indemnify and hold harmless any person who administers Naloxone in good faith to another individual experiencing a suspected drug overdose, if all of these conditions apply:

- The person did not act with the intent to harm or with reckless indifference to a substantial risk or harm in administering Naloxone to the individual.
- The person successfully completed the training presented in this policy.
- The person promptly sought additional medical assistance before or immediately after administering Naloxone.
- The person is administering Naloxone pursuant to this policy.

#### Resources

[\*\*Pennsylvania Department of Health-Opioid Abuse\*\*](#)

[\*\*Naloxone: Frequently Asked Questions\*\*](#)

[\*\*Naloxone Program for Schools\*\*](#)

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