

Students

Overdose Medication

I. Purpose

As a means of enhancing the health and safety of its students, employees, and visitors, the school district will acquire, administer, and store doses of an opiate antagonist, specifically Naloxone (Narcan), and administration devices or kits for emergency use by trained district employees to assist a student, employee, or other individual believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose on district property during the school day. Authorization for obtaining, possessing, and administering Naloxone or similar permissible medications under this policy are contingent upon:

- A. The continued validity of state and federal law that permit a person who is not a healthcare professional to dispense an opiate antagonist to the school district and its employees by law; and
- B. The district and its employees having immunity from criminal prosecution and not otherwise liable for civil damages for administering the opiate antagonist to another person who the employee believes in good faith to be suffering from a drug overdose.

II. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the definitions included in this section apply.

- A. “Drug-related overdose” means an acute condition, including mania, hysteria, extreme physical illness, respiratory depression, or coma, resulting from the consumption or use of a controlled substance, or another substance with which a controlled substance was combined, and that a layperson would reasonably believe to be a drug overdose that requires immediate medical assistance.
- B. “Naloxone” is the medication that reverses an opioid overdose. Narcan® is the brand name for the intranasal applicator (nasal spray) form of naloxone. Naloxone usually refers to an intramuscular (IN+M) naloxone form that comes in a vial and is administered with a syringe, normally dispensed as an “IM kit.”
- C. “Naloxone Coordinator” is a school district staff person or administrator

appointed to monitor adherence to protocols outlined in this policy and referenced procedures. The Naloxone Coordinator is responsible for building-level administration and management of Opiate Antagonist medications and supplies. The district's Naloxone Coordinator is the district health services supervisor.

- D. "Opiate" means any dangerous substance having an addiction forming or addiction sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of conversion into a drug having such addiction forming or addiction sustaining liability.
- E. "Opiate Antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride ("Naloxone") or any similarly acting drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a drug overdose.
- F. "Standing Order" means directions from a licensed medical provider that sets forth how to house and administer Naloxone or other Opiate Antagonist medications to students, staff members, or other individuals believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose. This Standing Order should include the following information:
 - 1. Administration type
 - 2. Dosage
 - 3. Date of issuance
 - 4. Signature of the authorized provider

III. Policy Responsibilities

- A. The school district will maintain a supply of opiate antagonists at each school building to be administered in compliance with Minnesota law. Each school building will have two doses of nasal naloxone available on-site.
- B. Administration of Naloxone
 - 1. A licensed physician, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse authorized to prescribe drugs pursuant state statute, or a licensed physician assistant may authorize a nurse or other personnel employed by, or under contract with, the district to administer opiate antagonists under state statute.
 - 2. A licensed practical nurse is authorized to possess and administer an opiate antagonist in a school setting notwithstanding other statutory prohibitions.

C. The Naloxone Coordinator

1. Under the oversight of the Naloxone Coordinator, the district will obtain a Standing Order from a licensed medical prescriber for the use of Naloxone or other Opiate Antagonist by district employees and will update or renew the Standing Order as required. A copy of the Standing Order will be maintained in the office of the Naloxone Coordinator.
2. The Naloxone Coordinator will develop district-wide guidelines and procedures for the financing, purchasing, storage, and use of Naloxone.
 - a. District employees will activate the community emergency response system (911) when Naloxone is administered to ensure additional medical support is provided due to the limited temporary effect of Naloxone and the continued need of recipients of additional medical care;
 - b. District employees will contact a district healthcare professional to obtain medical assistance for the recipient of the Naloxone, if possible, pending arrival of emergency personnel;
 - c. District employees will inform the building administrator of the administration of Naloxone, as well as the Naloxone Coordinator, after taking necessary immediate emergency steps; and
 - d. District employees will make immediate attempts to determine if the recipient of Naloxone is a minor and, if so, contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) on record as soon as possible to notify them of the administration of the Naloxone.
3. The Naloxone Coordinator will determine the type and method of training, identify employees at each school building to be trained, and coordinate the implementation of the training.

D. School District Employees

District employees will be responsible for attending all required training pertaining to the policy, procedures, and guidelines for the storage and use of Naloxone and performing any assigned responsibilities pursuant to the guidelines and procedures.

E. Possession and Administration by High School Students

The district allows a student in grades 9 through 12 to possess and administer an opiate antagonist to another high school student, The protections of ~~Minnesota Statutes, section 604A.04~~ state law apply to the possession and administration of opiate antagonists according to ~~Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.224~~ state law.

IV. Naloxone Storage

- A. The Naloxone Coordinator will select Naloxone storage locations within the school building. Naloxone will not be sent on field trips, transportation, or provided during activities that occur outside of the school day or off school property.
- B. The selected storage locations of Naloxone will be classified as non-public "security information." The identity of the storage locations will be shared only with trained employees whom the Naloxone Coordinator has determined need access to this information to aid public health and safety as determined in the procedures and guidelines.
- C. Stock Naloxone will be clearly labeled and monitored for expiration dates.

V. Privacy Protections

The school district will maintain the privacy of students and employees related to the administration of Naloxone as required by law.

Legal References:

20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational and Privacy Rights)
Minn. Stat. § 13.32 (Educational Data)
Minn. Stat. § 13.37 (General Nonpublic Data)
Minn. Stat. § 13.43 (Personnel Data)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.21 (School Health Services)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.22 (Administration of Drugs and Medicine)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.224 (Opiate Antagonists)
Minn. Stat. § 144.344 (Emergency Treatment)
Minn. Stat. § 148.235 (Prescribing Drugs and Therapeutic Devices)
Minn. Stat. § 151.37 (Legend Drugs; Who May Prescribe, Possess)
Minn. Stat. § 152.01 (Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 152.02 (Schedules of Controlled Substances)
Minn. Stat. § 604A.01 (Good Samaritan Law)
Minn. Stat. § 604A.015 (School Bus Driver Immunity from Liability)
Minn. Stat. § 604A.04 (Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention)
Minn. Stat. § 604A.05 (Good Samaritan Overdose Medical Assistance)
Minn. Rules Part 6800.4220 (Schedule II Controlled Substances)
Minnesota Department of Health Toolkit on the Administration of Naloxone

Cross References:
Policy 516 (Student Medication)

Resources:

Minnesota Department of Health, [School Toolkit on Naloxone Administration in School Settings](#)

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