

OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION

The Board of Education recognizes that many factors, including the use and misuse of prescription painkillers, can lead to the dependence on and addiction to opiates, and that such dependence and addiction can lead to overdose and death among the general public, including district students and staff. The Board wishes to minimize these deaths by the use of opioid overdose prevention measures.

The Board directs that the district shall operate an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program registered with the New York State Department of Health. The Director of Student Services is designated as the Program Director. The Board permits the administration of naloxone (also known as Narcan, among other names) nasal spray, by volunteer trained responder staff, to any student or staff member showing opioid overdose symptoms, along with contacting emergency responders pursuant to the naloxone training. The Board permits any staff member to volunteer to be trained in naloxone administration, via the district's Opioid Overdose Prevention program, by contacting the Program Director. Naloxone kits provided by the Program through the Department of Health shall be stored as indicated in the district's policies and procedures for the Program. The district shall comply with all recordkeeping, inventory, documentation, and notification requirements of state regulations. The Program Director shall maintain and distribute to the Building Principals and school nurses a list of all trained responders in the district and/or building, as appropriate.

The Board directs the school physician/medical director to issue a non-patient specific order to school nurses to administer intranasal or intramuscular naloxone (also known as Narcan, among other names). The non-patient specific order shall include a written protocol containing the elements required by the regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The Board permits school nurses to administer naloxone to any person at school or at a school event displaying symptoms of an opioid overdose. The district shall purchase and provide the naloxone kits to be stored in each Automated External Defibrillator (AED) cabinet and in each health office. Naloxone shall be accessible during school hours and during on-site school-sponsored activities.

Ref: Education Law §§(volunteer naloxone responder); 6527 (emergency treatment of anaphylaxis and opioid overdose); 3023 (liability coverage); 6909 (administration of naloxone by nurses)
Public Health Law §3309 (volunteer naloxone responder)
8 NYCRR §§ 64.7 (administration of naloxone); Part 136 (school health services program, including naloxone)

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10 NYCRR §80.138 (volunteer naloxone responder)

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