

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. As such, the Board wishes to minimize these deaths by the use of opioid overdose prevention measures.

Administration of Naloxone by School Nurses

The Board directs the Chief School Physician/Medical Director to issue a non-patient specific order to school nurses to administer naloxone (also known as Narcan, among other names) intranasally. The non-patient specific order shall include a written protocol containing the elements required by the regulations of the New York State 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 a secure but accessible location in the nurse's office. The naloxone kits shall be available during regular school hours.

Administration of Naloxone by Trained Volunteers

The Board approves the District to participate in a New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program as an opioid antagonist recipient. Any school employee is permitted to volunteer to receive training from this program. Employees wishing to volunteer to become trained responders must contact the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel who shall arrange for training for the administration of intranasal naloxone. Volunteer trained responders shall administer naloxone to anyone displaying opioid overdose symptoms. Emergency responders will be contacted, and a building administrator and the school nurse shall be notified. If the naloxone recipient is a student, the student's parent/guardian will also be notified.

Naloxone kits for volunteer use, provided by the NYSDOH, shall also be stored in a secure but accessible location in the nurse's office where they will be available during regular school hours. The District shall comply with all recordkeeping, inventory, documentation and notification requirements of the Program.

In the event that an incident involving opioid overdose occurs during the regular school day when neither a school nurse nor a trained volunteer are available, a building administrator shall be alerted, and emergency responders will be contacted.

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OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION REGULATION

The Chief School Physician/Medical Director shall develop procedures for the placement, storage, inventory, re-ordering, administration documentation, reporting, and training of the school nurse, regarding the use of naloxone.

The District shall ensure that there is always one backup naloxone kit per building for each kit that is ready to be used. When a naloxone kit is used, another backup kit will be ordered. Naloxone that is nearing its expiration date will be replaced.

School nurses shall:

1. Follow the non-patient specific order and written protocol for administration of naloxone, which includes criteria for assessment and directions for administration;
2. Document all administration of naloxone in the same manner as the administration of other medications under non-patient specific orders;
3. Report all administration of naloxone to the Chief School Physician/Medical Director and the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel;
4. Maintain a log of naloxone supplies containing the following information: lot number, date of receipt, expiration date and location, and perform an inventory check of naloxone supplies.

The District shall follow the procedures established by an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program registered with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for the use of naloxone by volunteer responders including: volunteer responder training, placement, storage, inventory and re-ordering, documenting and reporting incidents of usage. Any trained volunteer responder who administers naloxone must notify the school nurse in the building where the naloxone administration took place.

The District shall maintain a current list of all trained volunteer responders by building location. Trained volunteer responders are encouraged to review their training in the year between the refresher training.

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