

Policy 516.5 OVERDOSE MEDICATION

I. PURPOSE

As a means of enhancing the health and safety of its students, staff and visitors, the Northfield School District will acquire, administer, and store doses of an opiate antagonist, specifically Naloxone (Narcan)^[1], and administration devices or kits for emergency use to assist a student, staff member, or other individual believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose on district property during the school day or at district activities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Board of Education authorizes district administration to obtain and possess opioid overdose reversal medication, such as Naloxone to be maintained and administered to a student or other individual by trained school staff if the staff member determines in good faith that the person to whom the medication is administered is experiencing an opioid overdose. Authorization for obtaining, possessing and administering Naloxone or similar permissible medications under this policy are contingent upon:

1. 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 district and its employees by law.
2. That the district and its staff are immune from criminal prosecution and not otherwise liable for civil damages for administering the opiate antagonist to another person who the staff member believes in good faith to be suffering from a drug overdose.
3. The availability of funding either from outside sources or as approved by the board to obtain and administer opioid overdose reversal medication.

III. DEFINITIONS

- 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 Coordinator” is a 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’s licensed school nurse.

- C. “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.
- D. “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.
- E. “Standing Order” means directions from the district’s 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.

IV. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The school district must maintain a supply of opiate antagonists at each school site to be administered in compliance with Minnesota law. Each school building must have two doses of nasal naloxone available on-site.

Note: The Minnesota Department of Education offered guidance regarding the meaning of “school site.” If a school site includes multiple buildings, the two-dose requirement applies to buildings used for instruction. It does not apply to administrative buildings, facility buildings, ice arenas, and similar buildings not used for instruction.

- B. A licensed physician, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse authorized to prescribe drugs pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 148.235, or a licensed physician assistant may authorize a nurse or other personnel employed by, or under contract with, a public school may be authorized to administer opiate antagonists as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 604A.04, subdivision 1.
- C. A licensed practical nurse is authorized to possess and administer an opiate antagonist in a school setting notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, 148.235, subdivisions 8 and 9.
- D. District Collaborative Planning and Implementation Team
To the extent Naloxone is obtained for use consistent with this policy, the district will establish a districtwide collaborative planning and implementation District Planning Team (the ‘Team’) to oversee the general development and operations

related to the use of opiate antagonist Naloxone and regularly report to the board as to its activities.

1. The Team will include the Naloxone Coordinator and may include the superintendent or their designee, building nurses, public health experts, first responders, student or family representatives, and community partners who will be assigned to the Team by the superintendent or designee or solicited as volunteers by the superintendent.
2. The Team, through the Naloxone Coordinator, will obtain a protocol or Standing Order from a licensed medical prescriber for the use of Naloxone or other Opiate Antagonist by district staff in all school facilities and activities and will update or renew the protocol or Standing Order annually or as otherwise required. A copy of the protocol or Standing Order will be maintained in the office of the Naloxone Coordinator.
3. The Team will develop districtwide guidelines and procedures and determine the form(s) of Naloxone to be used within the district (nasal, auto injector, manual injector) and the method and manner of arranging for the financing and purchasing, storage and use of Naloxone to be approved by the board. Once approved by the board, these guidelines and procedures will be attached and incorporated into this policy. At a minimum, these guidelines and procedures will:
 - a. Ensure that when Naloxone is administered, district employees must activate the community emergency response system (911) to ensure additional medical support due to the limited temporary effect of Naloxone and the continued need of recipients of additional medical care.
 - b. Require district employees to contact a district healthcare professional to obtain medical assistance for the recipient of the Naloxone, if possible, pending arrival of emergency personnel.
 - c. Direct district employees to make immediate attempts to determine if the recipient is a minor and, if so, locate the identity of the parent/guardian/caregiver of the minor and ensure contact with that parent/guardian/caregiver is made as soon as possible after administration of the Naloxone for the purpose of informing the parent/guardian/caregiver of the actions that have been taken.
 - d. Require district staff to inform the building administrator or other administrator overseeing an event or activity of the administration of Naloxone, as well as the Naloxone Coordinator, after taking necessary immediate emergency steps.
4. The Team will determine the type and method of annual training, identify staff members at each school site to be trained and coordinate the implementation of the training with the assistance of the Naloxone Coordinator.

E. Site Planning Teams

1. In consultation with the Team, the administrator at each school site may establish, in the manner the superintendent or Naloxone Coordinator deems appropriate, a Site Planning Team within the school site.
2. The Site Planning Team will be responsible for the coordination and implementation of this policy, districtwide guidelines and procedures within the school site and will develop and implement any specific guidelines and procedure for the storage and use of Naloxone within the school site in a manner consistent with this policy and districtwide procedures and guidelines.

F. School District Staff

District staff members 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.

V. NALOXONE STORAGE

- A. The Site Planning Team will select numerous Naloxone storage locations within the school site.
- B. The selected storage locations of Naloxone will be classified as non-public "security information" as the board has determined that the disclosure of this data to the general public would be likely to substantially jeopardize the security of the medication that could be subject to theft, tampering, and improper use. Therefore, the identity of the storage locations will be shared only with those district staff members whom the Team or Site Team have 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, monitored for expiration dates, and stored in a secured location that is accessible by trained staff.

VI. PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

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

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Board of Education

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 659

Northfield, Minnesota

- Legal References:**
- Minn. Stat. § 13.32 (Educational Data)
 - Minn. Stat. § 13.43 (Personnel Data)
 - Minn. Stat. § 13.37 (General Nonpublic 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. R. Pt. 6800.4220 (Schedule II Controlled Substances)
 - 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational and Privacy Rights)
- Cross Reference:**
- MSBA/MASA Model Policy 516 (Student Medication)
 - Minnesota Department of Health Toolkit on the Administration of Naloxone

^{1]} 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.”