

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 signs and symptoms of opioid overdose (e.g., shallow breathing, unconsciousness, unresponsive to stimulation, pinpoint pupils, blue skin on lips and under nails) shall be displayed in school buildings with instructions to contact emergency responders.

The Board directs the school physician/medical director to issue a non-patient specific order to school nurses to administer as per the medical order: 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 a school event displaying symptoms of an opioid overdose. The district shall purchase and provide the naloxone kits to be stored in the nurse's office. Naloxone shall be accessible during school hours and during on-site school-sponsored activities.

Ref: Education Law §§922 (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)
10 NYCRR §80.138 (volunteer naloxone responder)
Guidance for Implementing Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Schools, New York State Education Department, 8/11/15, www.schoolhealthservicesny.com/files/filesystem/guidance_on_opioid_overdose_prevention_in_the_schools_final.pdf
Opioid Overdose Prevention: Guidelines for Policies and Procedures, New York State Department of Health, March 2014, www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/docs/policies_and_procedures.pdf

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