

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: NALOXONE

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<p>1. Authority 35 P.S. Sec. 780-113.7, 780-113.8</p> <p>2. Definitions 35 P.S. Sec. 780-113.7</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">823. NALOXONE</p> <p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>Naloxone is an opioid antagonist that is used to reverse the effects of opioids.</p> <p>To help protect the health and well-being of students, the Pennsylvania Departments of Health, Education, State, and Drug and Alcohol Programs request that all school districts allow the emergency administration of naloxone.</p> <p>As a means of enhancing the health and safety of its students, staff and visitors, the district may obtain, maintain and administer doses of an opioid antagonist and other facilities, specifically Naloxone, for emergency use to assist a student, staff member or other individual believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose.</p> <p>Drug overdose - shall mean an acute medical condition, including, but not limited to, severe physical illness, coma, mania, hysteria or death, which is the result of consumption or use of one or more controlled substances causing an adverse reaction. An individual's condition may be deemed to be a drug overdose if a prudent person, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, would reasonably believe that the condition is in fact a drug overdose and requires immediate medical attention.</p> <p>Naloxone - shall mean a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug. As a narcotic antagonist, Naloxone displaces opiates from receptor sites in the brain and reverses respiratory depression that usually is the cause of overdose deaths.</p> <p>Opioid - shall mean illegal drugs such as heroin, as well as prescription medications used to treat pain such as morphine, codeine, methadone, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, hydromorphone, and buprenorphine.</p> <p>Licensed Employee – shall mean any employee who holds a license in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania allowing him or her to administer medications, including but not limited to, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee, in consultation with the certified school nurse(s) who serves as Nursing Department Coordinator and the school physician, shall</p>
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<p>4. Guidelines</p> <p>35 P.S. Sec. 780-113.7, 780-113.8</p> <p>35 P.S. Sec. 780-113.7, 780-113.8</p>	<p>establish appropriate internal procedures for the acquisition, stocking and administration of Naloxone and related emergency response procedures pursuant to this policy.</p> <p>The school physician shall be the prescribing and supervising medical professional for the district's stocking and use of Naloxone. The Superintendent or designee shall obtain a standing order from the school physician for administration of Naloxone.</p> <p>The Nursing Department Coordinator shall be responsible for building level storage and management of Naloxone stocks. Permission to carry and administer Naloxone on school property shall be limited to licensed health care employees and emergency responders.</p> <p>The Nursing Department Coordinator shall develop a plan for annually informing all parents/guardians, students and staff about this policy and specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The availability of Naloxone to treat opioid drug overdoses and what it does; 2. The symptoms of opioid drug overdoses; 3. How students and staff should report suspected overdoses; 4. The protection from criminal prosecution provided by law for persons who report a suspected overdose using their real name and remain with the overdosing person until emergency medical services (EMS) or law enforcement arrive, as well as for the person whose overdose they report; and 5. The protection from civil liability provided by law for persons who report overdoses or administer Naloxone in overdose emergencies. <p><u>Standing Order From the School Physician</u></p> <p>The school physician shall provide and annually renew a standing order for administration of Naloxone to students, staff members or other individuals believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose.</p> <p>The standing order shall include at least the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Type of Naloxone (intranasal and auto-injector). 2. Date of issue. 3. Dosage. 4. Signature of the school physician.
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The standing order shall be maintained in the Nursing Department Coordinator's office, and copies of the standing order shall be kept in each location where Naloxone is stored in the Superintendent's office

Training

Before any licensed school health care district employee may have custody of Naloxone or administer Naloxone under this policy, the employee must successfully complete an online Pennsylvania Department of Health training program about recognizing opioid-related overdoses, administering Naloxone and promptly seeking medical attention for drug overdoses. Evidence that such training has been completed shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

A list of school district employees who successfully complete such training shall be maintained, updated and kept in the Nursing Department Coordinator's office and the school district administration office.

Acquisition, Storage and Disposal

Naloxone shall be safely stored in the school nurse's office accordance with the drug manufacturer's instructions and Department of Health Guidelines.

Naloxone shall be made readily accessible to those licensed school health care employees who have completed the required training to administer it in the event of a suspected drug overdose. All properly licensed and trained school health care employees shall be informed of the exact location where Naloxone is being stored within the school nurse's office.

The Nursing Department Coordinator shall obtain sufficient supplies of Naloxone pursuant to the standing order in the same manner as other medical supplies acquired for the school health program. The Nursing Department Coordinator or designee shall regularly inventory and refresh Naloxone stocks, and maintain records thereof, in accordance with the established internal procedures, manufacturer recommendations and Department of Health Guidelines. Copies of these inventory records shall also be stored in the Superintendent's office.

Administration of Naloxone according to The Department of Health Guidelines

The Superintendent or designee in coordination with the school physician and Nursing Department Coordinator shall establish procedures for the administration of Naloxone.

The building administrator and Superintendent or their designees should be notified when Naloxone is administered.

<p>SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.21, 10.22 Pol. 227, 805.1</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.25 Pol. 227, 805.1</p>	<p><u>Referral to Law Enforcement and Parental Notification</u></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report incidents involving the use of controlled substances on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity, to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving use of controlled substances immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.</p>
<p>Pol. 236</p>	<p><u>Referral to Student Assistance Program</u></p> <p>Any student who experiences a drug overdose shall be referred to the district's Student Assistance Program, or alternative based on the Superintendent's recommendation.</p>
<p>35 P.S. Sec. 780-113.8 42 Pa C.S.A. Sec. 8547, 8548</p>	<p><u>Indemnification</u></p> <p>The school district shall indemnify and hold harmless any employee who administers Naloxone in good faith to another individual experiencing a suspected drug overdose, if all of these conditions apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The employee did not act with the intent to harm or with reckless indifference to a substantial risk or harm in administering Naloxone to that individual. 2. The employee is properly licensed and has successfully completed the training contemplated by this policy. 3. The employee promptly sought additional medical assistance before or immediately after administering Naloxone. 4. The employee is administering Naloxone pursuant to this policy.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1302.1-A, 1303-A

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 10.2, 10.21, 10.22, 10.25

PA Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 780-113.7,
780-113.8

PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8547, 8548

Board Policy – 227, 236, 324, 805.1