Students

Opioid Related Overdose Reversal

The Board recognizes that the opioid epidemic is a public health crisis and access to opioid-related overdose reversal medication can be lifesaving. To assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose, the district will seek to obtain and maintain at least one set of opioid overdose reversal medication in each of its schools.

The district must obtain and maintain opioid overdose reversal medication either through a standing order, prescribed and dispensed according to RCW 69.41.095(5), or through one or more donation sources. The district will seek at least one set of opioid reversal medication doses for each of its schools. However, if the district documents a good faith effort but is unable to obtain opioid overdose reversal medication through a donation source, and is unable to do so, the district is exempt from the obligation to have a set of opioid reversal medication doses for each school. Documentation of good faith effort must be kept on file. The following personnel may distribute or administer the school-owned opioid overdose reversal medication to respond to symptoms of an opioid-related overdose:

- A school nurse, or
- School personnel who become designated trained responders.

Training for school personnel to become designated trained responders and distribute or administer opioid overdose reversal medication must meet the requirements for training described in the statute and any rules or guidelines adopted by the Office of Superintendent Public Instruction (OSPI). The district will identify at least one member of each school's personnel to become a designated trained responder who can distribute and administer opioid overdose reversal medication. If any type of overdose is suspected, including an opioid related overdose, district staff will call 9-1-1 and alert emergency services. The school nurse, designated trained responder, or trained staff person located at a health care clinic on public school property or under contract with the public-school property or under contract with the school district will follow the Washington Department of Health steps for administering naloxone for a suspected opioid related overdose.

Cross References:	Policy No. 3418	Response to Student Injury or Illness
	Policy No. 3416	Medication at School
Legal References:	Chapter 28A.210 RCW	Health Screening and Requirements
	RCW 28A.210.390	Opioid overdose reversal medication – Standing order – Administration
	RCW 69.50.315	Drug-related overdose

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