

COLOGNE ACADEMY

MANUAL OF SCHOOL POLICIES APPROVED BY THE BOARD

POLICY 516.5 OVERDOSE MEDICATION

[Note: The 2023 Minnesota legislature enacted legislation requiring school districts to maintain a supply of opiate antagonists. School districts and their employees are legally permitted to purchase, store, and administer Naloxone (Narcan) in response to an opiate overdose in schools and those who do assist with such administration are immune from civil liability as well as exempt from criminal prosecution from possession, use, etc. of medication. The provisions of this policy outline the requirements of the law with respect to the use of Naloxone (Narcan) in schools.]

I. PURPOSE

Cologne Academy will obtain and possess Narcan (naloxone) to be maintained and administered by trained school personnel to a student or other individual if it is determined in good faith that person is experiencing an opioid overdose.

It is the intent of Cologne Academy to provide assistance to any person(s) who may be suffering from an opioid overdose following protocols and procedures of the school district. Staff members trained in accordance with the procedure shall make every reasonable effort to include the use of Narcan (naloxone) combined with rescue breaths to revive the victim of any apparent opioid overdose.

Minnesota State Statute 604A.04 “Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention” allows for

“A person who is not a healthcare professional who acts in good faith in administering an opiate antagonist to another person whom the person believes in good faith to be suffering a opioid overdose is immune from criminal prosecution for the act and is not liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the act.”

Additionally, in accordance with this statute, the individual who is seeking assistance and the individual who is experiencing an overdose have a limited immunity from prosecution.

II. TRAINING

1. Administration and/or the School Nurse/Health Associates will identify appropriate staff to be trained annually.

2. Training for designated school staff will be conducted annually and will include:

- a. Signs & symptoms of opioid overdose
- b. Appropriate administration of Narcan (naloxone)

- c. Activation of emergency personnel
- d. Notification procedures

III. NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

In the event of Narcan (naloxone) administration and emergency response activation, the following people must be notified:

- Executive Director
- Principals
- School Nurse
- School Counselor, as appropriate
- Parents/guardians

IV. STORAGE/ACCESS

1. Stock Narcan will be clearly labeled and stored in a location that will be secure, but accessible by trained personnel. Specific storage decisions will be made by the School Nurse.
2. A minimum of three doses of Narcan will be available at each school site, per Minnesota Department of Health recommendations.
3. Stock Narcan will only be available at the schools during typical school hours. It will not be sent on field trips and it will not be available for activities that occur outside of the typical school day.
4. The District will obtain a standing order for Narcan (naloxone) by a licensed medical prescriber and update it as needed.

V. MAINTENANCE

1. The School Nurse will keep a log to monitor expiration dates.
2. This stock medication will be replaced as needed.
3. A log will be kept to document who received yearly training.

VI. Privacy Protections

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

[i] 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.”