POLICY 516.5 – OVERDOSE MEDICATION

I. PURPOSE

As a means of enhancing the health and safety of its students, staff, and visitors, the School will acquire, administer, and store doses of an opiate antagonist or opioid overdose reversal medication, specifically Naloxone, 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 School property during the instructional day or at School activities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. This policy authorizes School 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.

B. Authorization for obtaining, possessing, and administering opioid overdose reversal medications under this policy is 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 School and its employees by law;

2. that the school 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; and

3. the availability of funding either from outside sources or as approved by the school 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 School employee or designee 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 School's Naloxone Coordinator is the 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 brand name "Narcan®") 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 School'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 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.

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. School Collaborative Planning and Implementation Team

To the extent Naloxone is obtained for use consistent with this policy, the School will establish a collaborative planning and implementation team ("School Planning Team") who will oversee the general development and operations related to the use of opiate antagonist Naloxone and regularly report to the School Board as to its activities.

1. The School Planning Team will include the Naloxone Coordinator and may include the Executive Director (or designee), school nurse, public health experts, first responders, student or family representatives, and community partners who will be assigned to the Team by Executive Director or designee or solicited as volunteers by the Executive Director.

2. The School Planning 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 School 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 School Planning Team will develop district-wide guidelines and procedures and determine the form(s) of Naloxone to be used within the School (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 School Board. Once approved by the School 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, School 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 School employees to contact a School healthcare professional to obtain medical assistance for the recipient of the Naloxone, if possible, pending arrival of emergency personnel;

    c. Direct School employees to make immediate attempts to determine if the recipient is a minor and, if so, locate the identity of the parent or guardian of the minor and ensure contact with that parent or guardian is made as soon as possible after administration of the Naloxone for the purpose of informing the parent or guardian of the actions that have been taken; and

    d. Require School staff to inform the Executive Director, a School Principal, 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 School Planning Team will determine the type and method of annual training, identify staff members to be trained, and coordinate the implementation of the training with the assistance of the Naloxone Coordinator.

E. School Staff

School 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 School 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 School 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 School staff members whom the School Planning Team has 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 as set forth in paragraph V.B. above.

VI. PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

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

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. § 152.212 (Labeling of Prescription Drug Containers)
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: Parnassus Preparatory School Policy 516 (Student Medication)

Resources: Minnesota Department of Health, School Toolkit on Naloxone Administration in School Settings