

## IDEA's Policy on Naloxone Use in the School Setting

### Ohio

Due to the increasing rates of overdoses due to opioids such as Fentanyl, many public entities including schools are starting to carry opioid antagonists. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist which can be used in emergency situations to slow or stop the effects of a drug overdose. One of the most common forms of naloxone is Narcan. Beginning the 2023-2024 school year, all IDEA schools will carry naloxone as part of emergency response equipment.

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug such as a prescription pain medication or Fentanyl. Most commonly, it is a nasal spray. According to the CDC, naloxone can be given safely to people of all ages, from infants to older adults. This includes an adolescent or young adult who may have unintentionally taken an opioid. Naloxone will not harm someone if you give it to them and they are not overdosing on an opioid.

Prior to the purchase, acquisition, or administration of any Naloxone, the Principal or his/her authorized representative shall obtain a protocol, which shall describe:

- the clinical pharmacology of the overdose reversal drug specified in the protocol;
- any Precautions and contraindications concerning the administration of overdose reversal drugs;
- any limitations the board specifies concerning the individuals to whom overdose reversal drugs may be administered;
- the dosage that may be administered and any variation in the dosage based on circumstances specified in the protocol;
- labeling, storage, record keeping, and administrative requirements; and
- training requirements that must be met before an individual can be authorized to administer overdose reversal drugs.

Per state law, school, or an employee, contractor, or volunteer of the school shall not be liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from the acts or omissions associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using overdose reversal drugs pursuant to this policy, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. This Policy does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a School, member of a Governing Authority, or any employee, contractor, or volunteer of the school may be entitled to under Chapter 2744 or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

Emergency services personnel are authorized to administer naloxone to a person who appears to be suffering an opioid-related drug overdose, as clinically indicated. Emergency services personnel are categorized as staff who provide services for the benefit of the public during emergency situations. At IDEA, Campus Crisis Team Members are considered emergency services personnel and will be trained in how to identify emergency situations that may necessitate the use of naloxone and how to properly administer emergency medication consistent with the school's protocol.

Naloxone will be stored in the emergency bag or cart which is to remain in the clinic at all times. The clinic doors must remain locked when not occupied by the campus Nurse or trained clinic backup staff member.

Parents will be notified of the school's adoption of a naloxone policy. Parents do have the option to opt-out of allowing the emergency administration of naloxone for their child due to allergy or other reasons. Parents must submit a decision to opt-out in writing. A list of students whose parents opted out of naloxone emergency treatment must be stored with the medication on campus.



If naloxone is used, the staff member who administered the medication must complete a [Naloxone Reporting Form](#), detailing the nature of the incident, the care the individual received, and the fact that the naloxone was deployed. Naloxone Reporting Forms must be completed within 24 hours of the incident, and sent to the Risk Management, Safety & Security, and Student Health & Wellness department leads.

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