

**EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION
OF NALOXONE**

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1 The board recognizes the growing opioid overdose epidemic and its potential impact on the
2 school system. Naloxone, an opioid antagonist approved by the federal Food and Drug
3 Administration, can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose when administered in a timely
4 manner. As part of its commitment to providing a healthy and safe environment for students,
5 employees, and visitors, the board establishes this policy to address the use of naloxone in
6 emergency situations in schools to prevent opioid overdose deaths.

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8 **A. AVAILABILITY OF NALOXONE**
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10 To the extent funding, staff, and training are available, the superintendent or designee is
11 authorized to obtain an adequate supply of naloxone for each school in the school system.
12 The school nurse is responsible for monitoring the expiration dates of the school's
13 naloxone and, prior to the expiration date, notifying the superintendent or designee of the
14 need to procure a replacement.

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16 Naloxone must be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in secure,
17 but unlocked and easily accessible, locations. All employees trained to administer
18 naloxone will be made aware of its storage locations.

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20 Nothing in this policy should be construed to require the presence or use of school
21 system-supplied naloxone on school property or at school events, unless otherwise
22 required by law. The board cannot and does not guarantee that school system-supplied
23 naloxone or a person trained in its use will be available in any particular situation.

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25 **B. ADMINISTRATION OF NALOXONE**
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27 The principal at each school where naloxone is stored shall designate one or more school
28 employees, as part of the medical care program under G.S. 115C-375.1, to receive
29 training regarding the storage and emergency use of naloxone. Only trained employees
30 are authorized to administer naloxone to persons suspected to be experiencing an opioid
31 overdose on school property. The principal shall make reasonable efforts to notify other
32 school employees as to who has received training in order to facilitate a prompt
33 emergency response. A list of trained employees should be maintained at the school.

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35 **C. APPLICABILITY**
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37 This policy applies only to the use of school system-supplied naloxone. Nothing in this
38 policy is intended to regulate, restrict, or deter law enforcement officers, fire fighters,
39 emergency medical technicians, paramedics, or other authorized individuals from
40 administering their own supply of naloxone when responding in good faith to a suspected
41 opioid overdose occurring on school property.

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43 The superintendent or designee shall develop any administrative procedures necessary to

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44 implement this policy.

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46 Legal References: G.S. 90-12.7, -21.14, -96.2; 115C-375.1

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48 Cross References: Drugs and Alcohol (policy 4325), Prohibition of Drugs and Alcohol (policy
49 5025), Administering Medicines to Students (policy 6125), Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free
50 Workplace (policy 7240)

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52 Other Resources: *North Carolina Naloxone Distribution Toolkit*, N.C. Department of Health and
53 Human Services, Division of Public Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, available at
54 [https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/department-initiatives/overdose-epidemic/syringe-and-naloxone-](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/department-initiatives/overdose-epidemic/syringe-and-naloxone-access)
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