

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: JEC, JEC-RA, JECB-RA

Responsible Office: DIVISION OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

STORAGE AND USE OF NALOXONE OR OTHER OVERDOSE- REVERSING MEDICATION

A. PURPOSE

To require schools to obtain and safely store Naloxone. To authorize school nurses, school health services personnel, and other school personnel to administer Naloxone or other overdose-reversing medication to a student or other person on school property who is reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose.

B. ISSUE

Drug overdoses have become a serious public health challenge in Maryland. The total number of overdose deaths has risen steadily since 2010, mainly due to the increase in heroin-related deaths. According to the Maryland Department of Health 2016 report, *Drug and Alcohol-Related Intoxication Deaths in Maryland*, drug- and alcohol-related intoxication deaths in Maryland increased for the fifth year in a row with 86 percent of all intoxication deaths in the State being opioid related.

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County recognizes the importance of school nurses, school health services personnel, and other school staff being authorized to administer Naloxone or other overdose-reversing medication to a student or other person on school property who is reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose.

B. POSITION

1. In accordance with school health guidelines and State laws and regulations, schools shall obtain and safely store Naloxone or another overdose-reversing medication in the school health office.
2. Anne Arundel County Public Schools shall develop a method for parental/guardian notification of this policy.
3. In accordance with school health guidelines and State laws and regulations, school nurses, school health services personnel, and other school staff are authorized to administer Naloxone or other overdose-reversing medication to a student or other

person on school property who is reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Policy History: Adopted on 04/18/18

Note Previous Policy History: None