

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: JEC, JEC-RA, JECB-RA
Responsible Office: OFFICE OF STUDENT AND SYSTEMIC SUPPORTS

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, other school personnel, and approved students 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 are a serious public health challenge in Maryland. The total number of overdose deaths has increased significantly since 2010, driven in recent years by the opioid epidemic. Addressing the opioid epidemic in Maryland requires a comprehensive approach that involves prevention, intervention, and response strategies. Schools play a vital role in this effort by making overdose-reversing medications, such as naloxone, readily available and empowering trained personnel to administer them in emergency situations.

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County recognizes the importance of school nurses, school health services personnel, other school staff, and approved students 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, 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, 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.
4. The Chief Student and Systemic Supports Officer or the Chief Student and Systemic Supports Officer’s designee may authorize students to carry and 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; Revised 05/06/26

Note Previous Policy History: None

Legal Reference: Section 7-426.5 of the Education Article