

# WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: Narcan (Naloxone) Storage and Administration Section

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<p>35 P.S. §780-113.8 [1]</p>	<p><b>CONTENT</b></p> <p><b><u>Purpose</u></b></p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing the procurement and utilization of naloxone, an opioid antagonist, commonly known by the brand-name Narcan® administered by properly trained employees of the Wellsboro Area School District while on District property.</p> <p>Fatal and nonfatal overdose can result from the use of opiates. In order to reduce the amount of fatalities which can result from opiate overdoses, the Wellsboro Area School District will store and make available Narcan® (naloxone), during an emergency to any student, staff, visitor or volunteer suspected of having an opioid-related drug overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse.</p> <p><b><u>Authority</u></b></p> <p>The District has the authority to stock Narcan® (naloxone) in appropriate locations as determined by the Superintendent or designee.</p> <p>The District shall obtain a supply of Narcan® (naloxone) by standing order from the school physician, who shall be the medical professional responsible for supervising the District-wide implementation of this policy and procedures associated with the utilization and administration of Narcan® (naloxone).</p> <p><b><u>Definitions</u></b></p> <p><b>Opiate</b> – An opiate is a medication or drug that is derived from the opium poppy or can be a synthetic drug that mimics the effect of an opiate. Opiate drugs are narcotic sedatives that depress activity of the center nervous system and respiratory system, and induce sleep.</p> <p><b>Narcan® (Naloxone)</b> - Narcan® (Naloxone) is an opioid antagonist which is a medication that can counter the effects of an opioid drug and reverse an overdose. Naloxone is commonly known by the brand-name Narcan® (naloxone); it cannot be used to get high.</p>
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**Guidelines**

Certified School Nurses shall be trained and responsible for the oversight of Narcan® (naloxone) in their assigned building(s) or location(s). The certified School Nurse is the licensed health care professional who will supervise building-level administration of Narcan® (naloxone), under the supervision of the school physician. Other district employees may have the opportunity to receive training at the discretion of school district administration. No school nurse or other District employee shall be subject to penalty or disciplinary action for refusing to be trained in the administration of Narcan® (naloxone).

Those employees required to be trained in order to administer Narcan® (naloxone) must first complete a training program approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and possess a certificate of completion after successfully concluding such training. Any trained employee or designee will be provided the location of Narcan® (naloxone) in each District building.

Properly trained employees must follow appropriate District procedures, instruction accompanying the naloxone, or Narcan®, and instructions provided by the school physician. Prior to administering the Narcan® (naloxone), if the properly trained employee suspects an opioid overdose, s/he must immediately call 911 for EMS to be dispatched.

Documentation of an overdose occurrence and administration of Narcan® (naloxone) will be maintained in the School Health Services database and shared with EMS as needed. Additionally, once the emergency has concluded, the Certified School Nurse or trained employee who administered the Narcan® (naloxone) must complete and submit a written, detailed, summary report of the incident to the District Superintendent and Building Principal.

Appropriate staff will be provided education on the following:

1. The availability of Narcan® (naloxone) and what it does;
2. The immunities from criminal prosecution for persons who report a suspected overdose by using their real name and remaining with the person in need of medical attention until EMS or law enforcement arrives, as well as for the person whose overdose they report; and
3. The procedures that students and staff should follow to report suspected overdoses.

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