



# RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Naloxone Administration**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines governing the utilization of the opioid antagonist naloxone administered by employees of the River Valley School District who have received the requisite training. Naloxone, commonly known as Narcan, is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug. Naloxone has no potential for abuse and is a non-narcotic and non-addicting prescription medication.

It is the policy of the River Valley School District that naloxone shall be available and maintained on school grounds. To treat a suspected case of opioid overdose in a school setting, any trained staff member may administer an opioid antagonist, during an emergency, to any individual suspected of having an opioid-related drug overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse. No trained staff member shall be liable for civil damages which may result from acts of omissions relating to the use of the opioid antagonist which may constitute ordinary negligence; nor shall the school personnel be subject to criminal prosecution which may result from acts of omissions in the good faith administration of an opioid antagonist. (This immunity does not apply if the staff member has not received the required training or if the employee acts with a high degree of negligence.) No school employee shall be subject to penalty or disciplinary action for refusing to be trained in the administration of the opioid antagonist.

Before any school district employee may administer naloxone under this policy, the employee must successfully complete the Department of Public Instruction training about recognizing opioid-related overdoses, administering naloxone, and promptly seeking medical attention for drug overdoses. Evidence that such training has been completed shall be kept on file. The school nurse shall maintain a current standing medical order from the school medical advisor that prescribes naloxone for use on school grounds. Naloxone will be clearly marked and stored in an unlocked storage cabinet in the health office (or other designated area such as with the AED). The school nurse will ensure that all other trained staff are aware of the naloxone storage location. Naloxone will be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Nothing in this policy is intended to regulate, restrict, or otherwise deter a law enforcement officer, emergency medical technician, volunteer fire company member, licensed medical professional, or other authorized individual from administering his/her own supply of naloxone when responding in good faith to a suspected drug overdose occurring on school property.

Legal References: Wisconsin Statutes Section 118.29