

# POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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<b>Subject:</b>  Naloxone (Narcan) Administration	<b>Date Approved:</b> January 16, 2018  <b>Date Effective:</b> January 16, 2018

## 1. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the use of Narcan (Naloxone) or other overdose reversing medication by trained staff members of Somerset County Public Schools.

## 2. Definitions

**Naloxone (Narcan):** A life-saving medication that can quickly restore the breathing of a person who has overdosed on heroin or prescription opioid pain medication. Naloxone is also referred to as Narcan which is a brand name of this medication.

**Opiates:** any drug that contains opium or its derivative. Prescription opiates include oxycodone, hydrocodone, ocymorphone, morphine, codeine and fentanyl. Illegal opiates include heroin .

**Opiate Overdose:** occurs when a toxic amount of an opioid overwhelms the body's ability to handle it, affecting the respiratory system with lack of oxygen and the central nervous system with a decreased level of consciousness.

## 3. Policy Statement

In accordance with the *Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017*, the Somerset County Board of Education authorizes Naloxone (Narcan) or other overdose reversing medications to be stored in all Somerset County Public Schools. The medication will be given to any student or person on school grounds that are reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose.

**4. PROCEDURE**

1. School nurses, administrators and other school staff who volunteer will receive training to administer the Naloxone (Narcan) from the Somerset County Health Department. Only those staff members who have received the proper training should administer this medication when appropriate.
2. The Nurse Manager will be responsible for obtaining the Naloxone (Narcan) for each school nurse and replace as needed. School staff who have received the training will be responsible for obtaining their own Naloxone.
3. School nurses, administrators and other school staff who received the training to administer Naloxone and currently have the medication within their possession will be responsible for storing and securing the medication in a safe and appropriate manner.
4. The Nurse Manager and Supervisor of Student Services will be notified when Naloxone (Narcan) has been administered. The administration of Naloxone by any SCPS staff member will require the completion of the MD Overdose Response Program (ORP) Naloxone Use Report form. Completed forms will be submitted to the school nurse and nurse manager. The Nurse Manager will forward the completed form to [Dhmh.naloxone@maryland.gov](mailto:Dhmh.naloxone@maryland.gov) and to the Somerset County Health Department.  
(See **Administrative Procedures** for form.)
5. Parents/guardians will be notified at the beginning of each school year that Naloxone (Narcan) is available in each school.

**5. MONITORING & COMPLIANCE**

1. The Nurse Manager will ensure compliance of this policy and report to the Supervisor of Student Services who will report to the Superintendent or their designee.
2. The Superintendent or their designee will update the Board of Education periodically on the implementation of this regulation.