

The Catamount School Policy 5023

EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF NALOXONE

Policy Code: 5023

I. Purpose

The Catamount School seeks to minimize and prevent opioid misuse. An intervention that reduces overdose deaths is naloxone, a drug antagonist that reverses the effects of opioids and can be lifesaving in the event of an opioid overdose.

This policy addresses the administration of emergency naloxone under a non-patient specific prescription. Student-specific prescriptions for naloxone are addressed in Policy 6125, Administering Medicines to Students Policy.

II. Emergency Use of Naloxone

Designated trained school personnel are authorized to use emergency naloxone to deliver emergency medical aid to any person suffering from an opioid overdose on campus during the school day. The Catamount School Principal or designee may allow for a naloxone device to be located at The Catamount School for this purpose. Naloxone devices shall be stored in secure but unlocked and easily accessible locations.

The school principal shall designate one or more school personnel, as part of the medical care program under G.S. 115C-375.1, to receive initial training and annual retraining regarding the storage and emergency use of naloxone devices. Only such trained personnel are authorized to administer naloxone to persons believed to be having an overdose reaction. The principal shall make reasonable efforts to notify other school staff members as to which employee(s) has received training to facilitate a prompt emergency response.

The principal, in collaboration with appropriate school personnel, shall create an emergency action plan for the use of naloxone that complies with all state law requirements. The principal is encouraged to include in the plan school-wide employee training in recognizing symptoms of opioid overdose.

This policy does not require emergency naloxone to be available at activities held off school grounds during or after the school day, including field trips or off-site athletic events, or during transportation to or from school, except as may be required pursuant to an individual student's IEP, Section 504 Plan, or health or emergency plan.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-375.1](#); [G.S. 90-12.7\(e\)](#).

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