

Overdose Reversal Drugs: Pymatuning Valley Local School District Policy

To support the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors, the Pymatuning Valley Local School District hereby adopts this policy on obtaining and maintaining a supply of an overdose reversal drug for use in emergency situations. Pymatuning Valley Primary, Middle and High Schools will implement this policy.

Definitions

The National Institute on Drug Abuse defines opioids as a class of natural, semi-synthetic, and synthetic drugs that include both prescription medications and illegal drugs like heroin.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse states that an opioid overdose occurs when a person takes a higher drug dose than their body can handle. Opioids affect the brain centers that control breathing. When a person takes a high dose of an opioid, breathing can slow to life-threatening levels.

As defined in section 4729.01 of Ohio Revised Code, an overdose reversal drug means both of the following: (1) Naloxone; (2) Any other drug that the State Board of Pharmacy, through rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of Ohio Revised Code, designates as a drug that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the reversal of a known or suspected opioid-related overdose.

Supply

Pymatuning Valley Local School District elects to obtain and maintain a supply of an overdose reversal drug for use in emergency situations. As required by Ohio law, the Pymatuning Valley Local School District will confirm:

- The overdose reversal drug is in its original manufacturer's packaging;

- The overdose reversal drug's packaging contains the manufacturer's instructions for use; and

- The overdose reversal drug is stored in accordance with the manufacturer's or distributor's instructions.

2 kits of an opioid reversal drug will be maintained at each school.

Storage

Pymatuning Valley Local School District will store the overdose reversal drug in a secure location that is easily accessible to school employees or contractors working with students.

As required by Ohio law, Pymatuning Valley Local School District will:

- Provide to any individual who accesses the supply instructions regarding emergency administration of the drug, including specific instructions to summon emergency services as necessary;

Establish a process for replacing within a reasonable time period any overdose reversal drug that has been accessed; and

Store the overdose reversal drug in accordance with the manufacturer's or distributor's instructions.

Training

Pymatuning Valley Local School District requires school employees or contractors working with students to complete training on the maintenance and use of overdose reversal drugs. Training must address the following topics:

Risk factors for opioid overdose;

Signs and symptoms of opioid overdose;

Response to opioid overdose, including calling 9-1-1;

Procedures for assembling and administering overdose reversal drugs;

Information on overdose reversal drugs, including possible adverse reactions;

Use of universal precautions;

Reporting the incident in accordance with [district/school] policy;

Ensuring that the individual experiencing the overdose is transported to the emergency department;

Notifying the appropriate student services; and

Providing available resources for substance use disorders, as appropriate.

Reporting

As soon as practical after using an overdose reversal drug in an emergency situation, the superintendent (or equivalent official) must report its use to the Pymatuning Valley Local School District and to the parent or guardian of the student to whom the drug was administered.

The superintendent must annually report the Pymatuning Valley Local School District use of overdose reversal drugs in emergency situations to the Department of Education and Workforce.

If the superintendent determines that a persistent pattern of overdoses at the Pymatuning Valley Local School District has emerged, the superintendent must notify the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the Pymatuning Valley Local School District.

If an overdose reversal drug is administered to an individual other than a student on school property, the superintendent (or equivalent official) will report its use to the Pymatuning Valley Local School District and the parent or guardian of any students present as soon as practical after the emergency situation.