



Diocese of Lake Charles

Office of Catholic Schools

Policy and Procedures Naloxone Administration

Summary of Policy: *(to be included in the parent/student handbook)*

Due to the increasing rates of overdoses due to opioids such as Fentanyl, Louisiana now requires all elementary and secondary schools to carry Naloxone as part of emergency response equipment. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist that can be used in emergencies to slow or stop the effects of an opioid-related drug overdose. A common form of Naloxone is Narcan nasal spray.

According to the CDC, Naloxone can be given safely to people of all ages, from infants to older adults. This includes an adolescent or young adult who may have unintentionally taken an opioid.

All schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles will maintain a supply of Naloxone (ex. Narcan) and will train and equip key staff to prepare for opioid emergencies. It is policy for the trained staff to administer, per Louisiana state law, Naloxone to any student or staff suspected of an opioid overdose.

In addition, anytime this is necessary, 911 will immediately be notified, then parent or guardian. The student may only be released to the parent or guardian by law enforcement. A follow-up report will also be filed with the Office of Catholic Schools.

According to LA ACT 378-HB 456, the following are not liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to a person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with the administration of Naloxone or another opioid antagonist, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct:

- (a) A public or nonpublic school.
- (b) A public or nonpublic school employee or volunteer.
- (c) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe medication who personally furnishes or prescribes Naloxone or another opioid antagonist.
- (d) A training organization and its personnel.

Consequences regarding a student or employee's status at the school will be considered once the person is deemed safe and out of danger.