Options For Youth
Public Charter Schools

Options for Youth
Naloxone Program
2025-2026

Naloxone in California Schools

Options for Youth, in accordance with Education Code Section 49414.3 and the Schools' Medication Policy, has elected to stock emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist available for the purpose of providing emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose.

The School's Assistant Principal of Instructional Operations (APIO) or Designee will act as the qualified supervisor of health (QSH) for purposes of this program. The school has applied for and received a standing order for Naloxone from the California Department of Public Health and has also applied for a partnership with the California Department of Health Care Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP) to acquire Narcan doses free-of-charge. Program participation is based on available funding. Nasal Naloxone has since been made available for over-the-counter purchase as of March 2023.

Student Authorization to Carry and Use Naloxone:

Students aged 12 or older cannot be prohibited by local educational agencies (LEAs) from carrying or administering naloxone (or other opioid antagonists) for emergency treatment of suspected opioid overdoses while on school grounds or participating in school activities.

Legal Protections for Students:

Students aged 12 or older who administer naloxone in good faith and without compensation are shielded from civil liability and criminal prosecution, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

In accordance with 49414.6. (a) Notwithstanding any other law or regulation, local educational agencies shall not prohibit pupils in middle schools, junior high schools, high schools, or adult schools, while on a school site or participating in school activities, from carrying fentanyl test strips or a federally approved opioid antagonist for over-the-counter use for the emergency treatment of persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose.

Annual Notification

The School will provide annual notification to the school community of the Naloxone Program and will offer periodic communications to families regarding substance abuse prevention and related educational tools.

Program Volunteers

For so long as the Charter school elects to utilize Naloxone for emergencies, the school will accept staff volunteers who wish to be trained in the emergency administration of Naloxone.

Volunteers must:

- Be staff members of the School
- Complete initial Naloxone Training and annual refresher trainings
- Complete or possess current certification in CPR/AED and maintain this training while a Naloxone volunteer

**Options for Youth will only stock and administer nasal Naloxone.*

Volunteers will receive training free of charge, during normal working hours and will not be directly incentivized to receive training, program participation, or administering Naloxone in an emergency situation. Volunteers can revoke their offer to volunteer at any time and must renew their offer annually. Good Samaritan Law protects volunteers who assist others in need during an emergency.

Distribution and Storage

Each school site should stock no less than two Narcan doses per location placed in the red Naloxone storage cabinet, which will remain unlocked and be mounted in a safe location, out of direct sunlight, at a temperature between 59F to 77F. The Naloxone cabinet will be located near the automated external defibrillator (AED). The Narcan Infographic should be protected and hung next to the Naloxone cabinet. School leadership should consider stocking an additional two doses of Narcan in an appropriate travel case to accompany trained staff who are chaperoning off-campus, school-sponsored events. The School will distribute acquired Narcan doses according to availability. All acquired doses must be properly logged on the Naloxone Program Distribution Log.

Reporting

A Naloxone Administration Report form should be completed and returned to the QSH to report the use of a Narcan dose. Used doses will be replaced as soon as possible.

Training Materials

Each qualified volunteer must complete initial training by viewing the slides, videos & written materials provided below.

1. Naloxone Training
2. LACOE Opioid History & Overview (6:43 - 42.52 only)
3. Administering Naloxone Training Video
4. Narcan Administration Protocol (print and save for reference)
5. Appendix A - Naloxone Resource Guide (print and save for reference)
6. Narcan Infographic (print and save for reference)

Upon completion of the above-mentioned training, each volunteer must complete the Naloxone Program Training Quiz to demonstrate competency prior to administering Naloxone.

*Additional educational resources can be found at Responding to Opioid Overdose - National Harm Reduction Coalition.