

HOWARD GARDNER MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

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Board of Trustees Policy

NALOXONE Policy

I. PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence Charter School (“Charter School”) recognizes that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has suffered an alarming increase in overdose rates since 2012, most attributable to prescription opioids. In response to the ongoing problem, Act 139 of 2014 (“the Act”), as well as guidance from the Governor of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Departments of Health, Education, State and Drug and Alcohol Programs have provided authority for individuals administering Naloxone (also commonly known as Narcan or Evzio).

This includes a partnership to provide public Pennsylvania schools with naloxone and drug checking strips at no cost. The Charter School will store Naloxone at the middle school and high school levels and provide personnel who possess the medical education and knowledge to administer Naloxone. Accordingly, the Board adopts this Policy as a necessary source of guidance for families, employees, and others regarding the use and administration of Naloxone at the Charter School.

II. BACKGROUND

Act 139 of 2014 permits an individual in a position to assist a person at risk of opioid overdose to obtain and administer Naloxone. Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug. When administered during an overdose, Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system in order to prevent death. It is a medication that can minimize and/or reverse the effects of an overdose caused by opioid drug use. Naloxone has no known potential for abuse and is a non-narcotic and non-addicting prescription drug. For more information about naloxone, including information on

Pennsylvania's Naloxone Standing Orders and training video, please visit: [Naloxone | Department of Health | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#).

The Act authorizes medical professionals who have prescription authority to prescribe and dispense Naloxone to “a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose or family member, friend or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.” The Act also provides for immunity from civil, criminal or professional licensure liability for prescribing medical professionals and for a “person” involved in administering Naloxone when that “person” acts in good faith and with reasonable care. The definition of a “person” in the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act can be read to conclude that public school entities are within the authority and protections given by Act 139.

III. DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Board directs the CEO or their designee, in consultation with HGMICS' School Nurse and School Physician, to establish administrative procedures for the acquisition, stocking, and administration of Naloxone and related emergency response procedures and to determine where Naloxone will be stored and ensure that personnel are trained to administer Naloxone.

The School Physician shall be the prescribing and supervising medical professional for the stocking and use of Naloxone. The School Nurse shall obtain a standing order from the School Physician for administration of Naloxone. The School Nurse shall be responsible for administration of Naloxone and management of Naloxone stocks.

IV. GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATION

A Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Naloxone Fact Sheet shall be displayed in a conspicuous location within the nurses' offices at both the middle school and high school levels. A current version is available in the below link:
[www.ddap.pa.gov/overdose/Documents/Naloxone/Naloxone Fact Sheet.pdf](http://www.ddap.pa.gov/overdose/Documents/Naloxone/Naloxone%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf)

Permission to carry and administer Naloxone on school property shall be limited to Charter School Licensed Health Care Professionals and Safety Officers[A1] . Charter School Licensed Health Care Professionals and Safety Officers employed on the middle school and high school levels shall all complete a Pennsylvania Department of Health approved Naloxone training prior to carrying and/or administering Naloxone. This training shall be repeated every three years.

The Charter School shall request a standing prescription[A2] and/or review and update any standing prescription from a licensed physician, including the School Physician, that allows the Charter School to obtain Naloxone and to replace the medication upon use or in advance of expiration. At all times, the Charter School Licensed Health Care Professionals and Safety Officers will be responsible for supervising building-level administration of Naloxone, including

appropriately securing and storing Naloxone, and inventorying and recording all Naloxone in the Charter School's possession.

Naloxone shall only be administered when there is a reasonable belief that an individual is suffering from an opioid-related overdose. Any administration of Naloxone must be done in good faith and be consistent with Pennsylvania Department of Health training and the manufacturer instructions. As soon as possible after administration of Naloxone, the Charter School Licensed Health Care Professional and/or Safety Officer will contact 911.

The School Nurse shall ensure that two doses of Naloxone shall be safely stored in the Nurse's office in accordance with the drug manufacturer's instructions. The School Nurse shall regularly inventory and replenish Naloxone stocks either due to expiration or use, and maintain records thereof, in accordance with the established procedures, manufacturer recommendations, and Department of Health Guidelines.

Administration of Naloxone shall not be required in circumstances of unavailability of Naloxone, unavailability of a qualified Naloxone administrator, and/or uncertainty as to whether an opioid overdose is occurring, among other reasons. This policy shall not create a duty on the part of the Charter School and/or its personnel to administer Naloxone.

REPORT, REFERRAL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

Subsequent to administration of Naloxone, the School Nurse or other trained personnel shall submit a Naloxone Administration form to the CEO. The CEO or designee shall immediately report incidents involving the use of controlled substances on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity, to the local police department pursuant to the School's Memorandum of Understanding with local law enforcement.

The CEO or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving use of controlled substances immediately, as soon as practicable.

REFERRAL TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

Any student who experiences a drug overdose shall be referred to HGMICS student assistance program (SAP) and for mental health support either internally through the school counselor or social worker or to an external provider as is clinically appropriate.

TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL'S CHARTER OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026

President

Secretary