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		<b>ADMINISTRATION OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST POLICY</b>	
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Administration of Opioid Antagonist Policy

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board of Directors of NOVA Academy Early College High School (“NOVA” or the “Charter School”) hereby adopts this policy governing the administration of naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonist at each NOVA school. It is imperative that best practices are followed in the administration of medication and carefully delineated to ensure the safety of our students and the legal protection of our employees.

**Definitions**

1. “Opioid antagonist” means naloxone hydrochloride (“NARCAN”) or another drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) that, when administered, negates or neutralizes in whole or in part the pharmacological effects of an opioid in the body, and has been approved for the treatment of an opioid overdose.
2. “Auto-injector” means a disposable delivery device designed for the automatic injection of a premeasured dose of an opioid antagonist into the human body and approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for layperson use.
3. “Volunteer” or “trained personnel” means an employee who has volunteered to administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist to a person if the person is suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose, has been designated by NOVA, and has received training pursuant to this Policy.

## **Response to an Opioid Overdose**

NOVA may provide emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist to trained personnel who have volunteered, and may use naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose. In making this determination, NOVA evaluated the emergency medical response time to NOVA schools and whether initiating emergency medical services is an acceptable alternative to naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist and trained personnel. Volunteers may administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist only by nasal spray or by auto-injector.

NOVA provides personnel with initial and annual refresher voluntary emergency medical training on the administration of opioid antagonists to students exhibiting potentially life-threatening symptoms, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose at school or a school activity. NOVA will ensure personnel properly store, maintain, and restock opioid antagonists as needed.

Training shall be provided at no cost during the volunteer's regular working hours and shall include all of the following:

- a. Techniques for recognizing symptoms of an opioid overdose.
- b. Standards and procedures for the storage, restocking, and emergency use of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist.
- c. Basic emergency follow-up procedures, including, but not limited to, a requirement for the Principal/Head of School or designee to call the emergency 911 telephone number and to contact the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).
- d. Recommendations on the necessity of instruction and certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- e. Written materials covering the information required pursuant to the training, which will be retained by NOVA for reference.

The Principal/Head of School or designee shall annually distribute a notice to all personnel that contains the following information:

- a. A description of the volunteer request stating that the request is for volunteers to be trained to administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist to a person if the person is suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose.
- b. A description of the training that the volunteer will receive.
- c. The right of an employee to rescind their offer to volunteer for the training.
- d. A statement that no benefit will be granted to or withheld from any individual based on their offer to volunteer and that there will be no retaliation against any individual for rescinding their offer to volunteer, including after receiving training.

### **Storage and Record Keeping**

Personnel shall keep records of naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonists administered at the school.

All naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonists will be kept in a secure and appropriate storage location and administered appropriately by designated personnel.