



# Naloxone Programs In Schools FAQ

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# Naloxone (nuh-laak-sown)

## Naloxone is the generic name for “Narcan”

- Approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the use in opioid overdose

## Designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose

- Opioid antagonist—meaning that it binds to opioid receptors and can reverse and block the effects of other opioids, such as heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioids
- Restores breathing in someone who has overdosed
- Will not work to reverse effect of drugs that are not opioids

## Temporary treatment

- Effects do not last long
- Critical to obtain medical intervention as soon as possible after administering

# Naloxone-Administration and Possible Side Effects

## Administration Types

- Intranasal spray (into the nose)
- Intramuscular (into the muscle)
- Subcutaneous (under the skin)
- Intravenous injection( IV-in vein)

## Possible Side Effects

- Agitation
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Tearing of the eyes
- Runny nose
- Yawning

**Background**

# What if Naloxone is given and is not needed or the overdose is not from opioids?

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

“Administering naloxone to someone who is not experiencing an opioid overdose is safe and generally should not cause harmful health effects.”

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

“Naloxone won’t harm someone if they’re overdosing on drugs other than opioids, so it’s always best to use it if you think someone is overdosing.”

# WHY is it important to have naloxone available?

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Overdose deaths nationwide among 10-19 year olds have increased significantly since 2019

## NC School Annual School Health Services Report Brochure-2022-2023

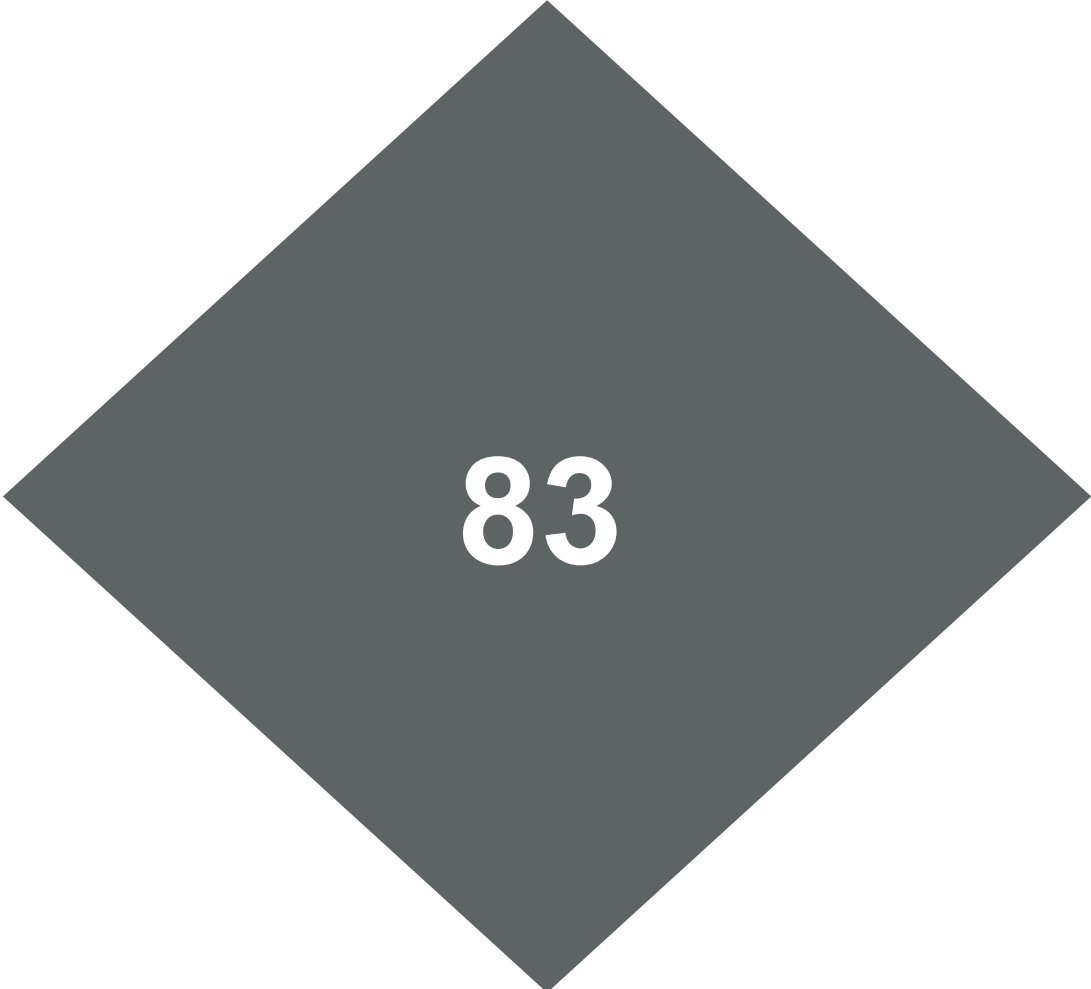
### Information for NC Schools:

- Naloxone used for suspected overdose on school grounds-21 incidents
- Naloxone administered by School Resource Officer-13 incidents
- Naloxone administered by school nurse/school nurse extender-3 incidents

Currently, no school incidents have been reported to WCPSS Health and Crisis Prevention Services or Wake County Health and Human Services, School Health Program

# NC Public School District Data

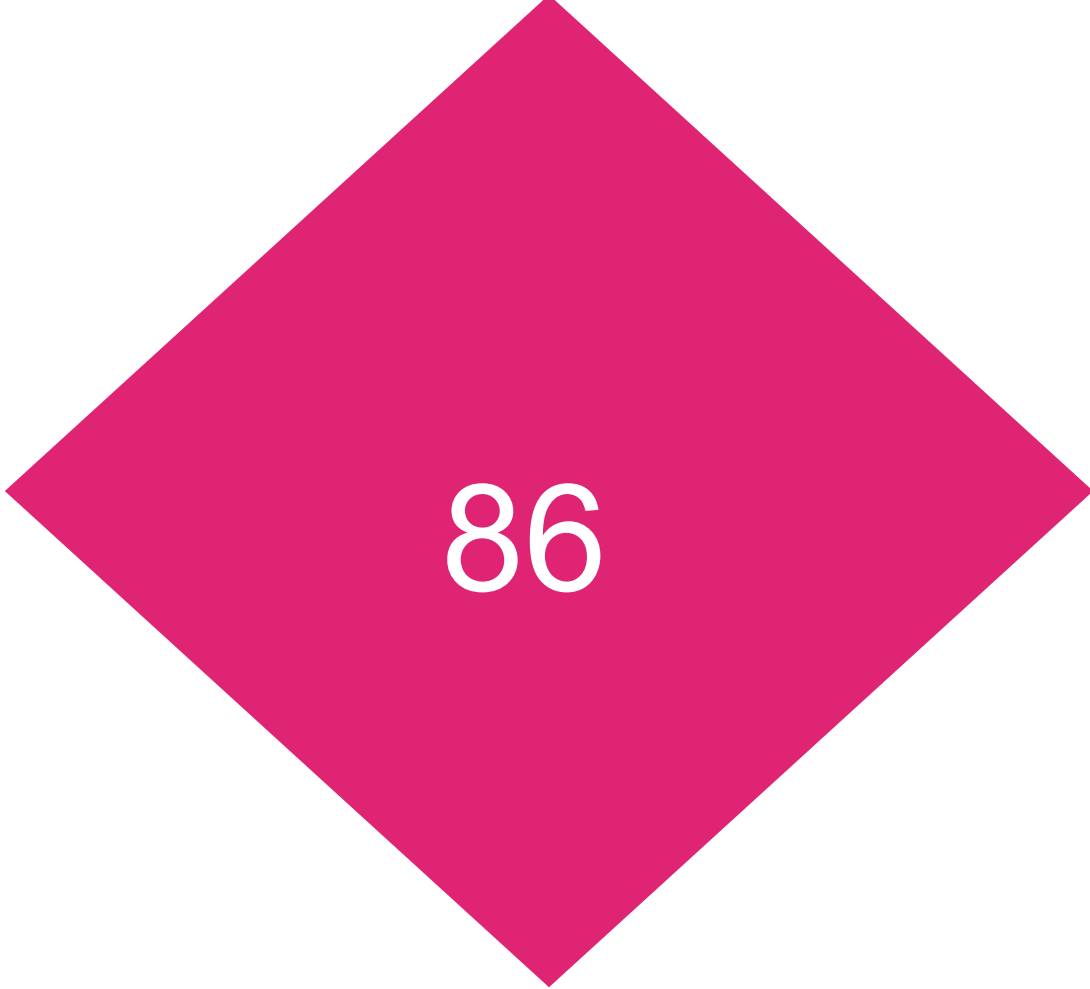
## Naloxone Program Reporting 2022-2023



**Naloxone Provided  
Through a School  
Resource Officer  
(SRO)**



**Naloxone Provided  
Through a Naloxone  
Program With School  
System Policy and  
Procedure**



**Total Counties  
Reporting**

## Supports

Training and administration of Naloxone should be reflected in BOE Policy

[G.S.90-12.7 \(e\)](#) provides civil and criminal immunity to individuals administering naloxone if they have good faith belief that the individual is experiencing a drug-related overdose.

Individuals with licenses are held to the standards of their reflective positions.

# Standing Orders

*A standing order is a medical order that authorizes the dispensing or distribution of a medication as determined by the prescriber.*

- School system that obtain naloxone using the State Health Director's standing order or using a written prescription by a private provider may administer naloxone as outlined in [G.S.9-12.7 \(d\)](#)
- School systems that choose to make naloxone available via [NCBON Standing Orders](#) written by their physician advisor or local health department provider, should keep in mind that such an order could only be implemented by the school nurse and is not delegable to unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP)

# Obtaining, Cost, and Storage

## Standing Order or Written Prescription

- NC State Health Director
- NC Board Of Nursing Standing Order written by their physician advisor or local health department provider

## Cost and Use Factors

- Average Cost \$6,500-\$30,000 (2 doses each location)
- Expiration-2020 FDA extends shelf-life 2-3 years
- Replacement cost after each use
- UV blocking storage bag

## Storage

- Designated secure area
- Easily accessible for staff trained to administer
- Storage should follow manufacturer's recommendations
  - room temperature (59-77 degrees F)
  - protect from direct light
  - monitor monthly

**Resource  
Management**

# Recommendations

## Policies

- Research/review existing policies for Naloxone Programs

## Funding

- Research/review funding sources for the purchase of Naloxone

## Placement

- All WCPSS schools, Early Learning Centers and Central Services locations

# Resources

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[NC Department of Health and Human Services](#)

[Division of Public Health-Division of Child and Family Well-Being](#)

[North Carolina Division of Public Health Injury and Violence Prevention Naloxone Distribution Toolkit](#)

[NASN \(National Association of School Nurses\)](#)

[NC Board of Nursing](#)