

Section 9-20.11:4. Definitions; Notification of Suspected Overdose; Reasonable Steps to Protect Privacy. — A. The following definitions apply as used in this policy:

"Overdose" means a life-threatening condition resulting from the consumption or use of a controlled substance.

"School-connected student overdose" means any overdose of a student enrolled in a school in the division that occurs (i) on the premises of such school during regular school hours or (ii) during school-sanctioned activities whether on or off the premises of such school.

"Suspected school-connected student overdose" means a school-connected student overdose that is believed to have occurred and for which the response is the administration of naloxone, another opioid antagonist, or another similar medication with the intent to counter or temporarily reverse the effects of such overdose.

B. Through the regular method of communication used for schoolwide notifications and within 24 hours of the earlier of (i) law enforcement or medical personnel confirming a school-connected student overdose or (ii) the school principal having knowledge of a suspected school-connected student overdose, the school principal or principal's designee notifies the parent of each student enrolled in the relevant school of such school-connected student overdose or suspected school-connected overdose.

The notification includes information, to the extent it is known at the time of the notification, about the name or any identifiable features of the controlled substance and whether the confirmed or suspected overdose occurred on school premises during regular school hours or during school-sanctioned activities whether on or off school premises.

If any inaccuracies of the initial notification are subsequently discovered, the principal or principal's designee provides an updated notification to the parent of each student in the relevant school to correct any such inaccuracies.

C. The School Board, Superintendent, principals, school administrators, and employees will take reasonable steps to protect the privacy and dignity of individuals involved in any confirmed or suspected school-connected student overdose.

Any notification provided in accordance with this policy will ensure sensitivity to the privacy interests of affected individuals and compliance with any applicable law, rules, or regulations relating to the disclosure and protection of a student's personal, confidential, or otherwise sensitive information, including compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and related regulations.

Legal Authority – 20 U.S.C. § 1232g., Virginia Code § 22.1-272.1:1.