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*Dothan City Schools
mission is to prepare all
students for the choices
and challenges of the
21st Century (the future).
Our goal is to prepare all
students to participate
productively and
responsibly in a rapidly
changing society.*

Dear DCS Families,

Opioid abuse continues to be a problem in communities throughout the country. Fentanyl and most recently Rainbow Fentanyl abuse is on the rise. Rainbow Fentanyl is a brightly colored fentanyl that can be found in many forms, including pills, powders, and blocks that can resemble sidewalk chalk or candy. Any pill (regardless of its color, shape, or size) that does not come from a healthcare provider or pharmacist can contain fentanyl and can be deadly.

Fentanyl is extremely potent and it only takes a very small dose, 2 milligrams about the size of the tip of a pencil, to be lethal. Please speak with your children about the dangers of Fentanyl and ingesting any medication not prescribed to them by their doctor and given to them by a trusted family member or adult.

The Dothan City School District has stocked Naloxone Hydrochloride (Narcan) at Dothan High and Carver 9th Grade Academy. We are in the process of obtaining Narcan for our elementary schools and Dothan Preparatory Academy. There is a procedure in place to administer Narcan for emergency medical aid to any person suffering from an opioid overdose. DCS has trained staff in place and will continue to train staff members to administer Narcan in the case of an emergency.

To keep our students safe, we are reminding students not to ingest any medications unless they are given to them by their parents, trusted family member, or a known and trusted adult; and not to eat any unwrapped or unpackaged candies at school.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our students safe.

Please click on or cut and paste this link to learn more about Fentanyl and fake pills:

https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2022-09/DEA-OPCK_Parent%20flyer.pdf
<https://www.dea.gov/highlights-topics/opioids>

For more information on Fentanyl:

https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl/pdf/Fentanyl_Fact_Sheet_508c.pdf

For Alabama Standing Orders and more training on Narcan:

<https://mh.alabama.gov/faq/standing-order-for-naloxone/>

Respectfully,

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