## BALD EAGLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/ PARAPHERNALIA

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	227. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/PARAPHERNALIA
1. Purpose	The purpose of this policy relates to the welfare and well-being of district students, staff, and the school population in general. Individuals under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other controlled substances may have their mental process altered, thus impeding their own and others' learning, and also may present social and behavioral problems within the school and community. The Board recognizes the need to implement policies to provide a drug-free school environment.
	The Board shall support the community with cooperative efforts to educate, prevent, and intervene in the use and abuse of all controlled substances by its student population.
2. Definitions	For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply.
	Assessment - a process which compiles relevant school-based fact-finding data, determines the level or concern and develops an action plan to include additional services, if necessary.
35 P.S. Sec. 780-102 21 U.S.C.	Controlled substances - shall include all:
	1. Controlled substances prohibited by federal and state law.
Sec. 812	2. Look-alike drugs.
	3. Alcoholic beverages.
	4. Anabolic steroids.
	5. Drug paraphernalia.
	6. Any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products.

Pol. 210	<ol> <li>Substances that when ingested cause a physiological effect that is similar to the effect of a controlled substance as defined by state or federal laws.</li> </ol>
	8. Prescription or patent drugs, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy.
	<b>Cooperative behavior</b> - the willingness of a student to work with school staff and agency personnel in a reasonable and helpful manner, complying with requests and recommendations of the administration and members of the Student Assistance Program (BESST).
	<b>Distribution</b> - deliver, sell, pass, share, or transfer any alcohol, drug, mood-altering, or other controlled substance, as defined by this policy, from one person to another or to aid therein.
	<b>Extracurricular activities</b> - shall include any school-sponsored activity such as sports, marching band, cheerleading, trips, school clubs, and social activities regardless of the time frame of the activity.
	<b>Medical safety concern</b> - demonstrates physical symptoms of possible controlled substance abuse (i.e.; physical, neurological, impairment).
	<b>Possession</b> - possess or hold, without any attempt to distribute, any alcohol, drug, mood-altering or other controlled substance determined to be illegal, as defined by this policy.
	<b>School activity</b> - shall include student involvement in any curricular or extracurricular activity and encompasses the travel time, the activity itself, and overnight stays. The time period involved in the activity will begin when the student leaves the school property and ends when the student returns home.
	<b>School property</b> - shall include not only school buildings, facilities and grounds on the school campus, but also shall include school buses, school parking areas and any facility being used for a school function and school district transportation.
Pol. 236	<b>Student Assistance Program (BESST)</b> - a multidisciplinary team composed of school personnel (teachers, staff, administrators, nurses, and counselors) and specialists in the community. The team has been trained to understand and work on issues of adolescent chemical use, abuse, and dependency and will play a primary role in the identification and referral process of students coming to their attention through the procedures outlined in the policy and administrative regulations.
	<b>Uncooperative behavior</b> - the resistance or refusal, either verbal, physical, or passive on the part of the student to comply with the reasonable request or

	recommendations of school personnel. Defiance, assault, deceit, destruction of property and fighting shall constitute examples of uncooperative student behavior.
3. Authority SC 510, 511 Title 22 Sec. 12.3	Uncooperative behavior shall also include parent/guardian and/or a student's refusal to comply with the recommendations of the administration and members of the Student Assistance Program (BESST).
	<b>Under the influence</b> - shall include any consumption or ingestion of controlled substances by a student.
	<b>Look-alike drug -</b> shall include any pill, capsule, tablet, powder, plant matter or other item or substance that is designed or intended to resemble a controlled substance prohibited by this policy, or is used in a manner likely to induce others to believe the material is a controlled substance.
	The Board prohibits students from using, possessing, distributing, and being under the influence of any controlled substances during school hours, at any time while on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, and during the time spent traveling to and from school and school-sponsored activities.
	The Board may require participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into the school's educational, extracurricular or athletic programs resulting from violations of this policy.
	In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the district shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.
	Off-Campus Activities
Pol. 218	This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:
Pol. 122, 123	1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation.
	2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.
	3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the

	expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
	4. The conduct has a direct connection to attendance at school or a school- sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.
	5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
	6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to identify and control substance abuse in the schools which:
42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337 Pol. 218, 233	1. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of using, possessing, being under the influence, or distributing controlled substances in school, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution.
	2. Disseminate to students, parents/guardians and staff the Board policy and administrative regulations governing student abuse of controlled substances.
	3. Provide education concerning the dangers of abusing controlled substances.
	4. Establish procedures for education and readmission to school of students convicted of offenses involving controlled substances.
5. Guidelines	Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution.
	The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report required incidents and may report discretionary incidents involving possession, use or sale 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 that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies. The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving possession, use or sale of controlled substances as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.

	In accordance with state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of possession, use or sale of controlled substances to the Office for Safe Schools.
	In all cases involving students and controlled substances, the need to protect the school community from undue harm and exposure to drugs shall be recognized.
	No student may be admitted to a program that seeks to identify and rehabilitate the potential abuser without the intelligent, voluntary and aware consent of the student and parent/guardian.
	Anabolic Steroids
35 P.S. Sec. 807.1	The Board prohibits the use of anabolic steroids by students involved in school- related athletics, except for a valid medical purpose. Body building and muscle enhancement, increasing muscle bulk or strength, or the enhancement of athletic ability are not valid medical purposes. Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid.
35 P.S. Sec. 807.2 Pol. 233	Students shall be made aware of the dangers of steroid use; that anabolic steroids are classified as controlled substances; and that their use, unauthorized possession, purchase, or sale could subject students to suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.
35 P.S. Sec. 807.3	The following minimum penalties are prescribed for any student athlete found in violation of the prohibited use of anabolic steroids:
	1. For a <b>first</b> violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season.
	2. For a <b>second</b> violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season and for the following season.
	3. For a <b>third</b> violation, permanent suspension from school athletics.
	No student shall be eligible to resume participation in school athletics unless a medical determination has been submitted, verifying that no residual evidence of steroids exists.
	Reasonable Suspicion/Testing
	If based on the student's behavior, medical symptoms, vital signs or other observable factors, the building principal has reasonable suspicion that the student is under the

influence of a controlled substance, the student may be required to submit to drug or alcohol testing. The testing may include but is not limited to the analysis of blood, urine, saliva, or the administration of a Breathalyzer test.
References:
School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 511, 1303-A
State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 403.1
PA Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 780-101 et seq.
Steroids – 35 P.S. Sec. 807.1 et seq.
PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees Relating to Drug or Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337
No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114, 7161
Controlled Substances Act – 21 U.S.C. Sec. 801 et seq.
Board Policy – 000, 122, 123, 210, 218, 233, 236