

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE BY STUDENTS

The following document outlines policy on student use of alcohol and other drugs in the school district. This policy is in effect on premises owned, leased, or maintained by the school district, at all school related activities on and off campus, on vehicles used to transport students to and from school, or at other activities and in vehicles parked on school property. Student and parent/guardian members of the school community are expected to know and understand the policy provisions and its mandatory nature. A copy of the policy will be provided to all students and parents.

Policy

A student shall not possess, use, distribute, transfer, conceal, sell, attempt to sell, deliver, nor be under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs, which affect the educational process of the school. Students shall not engage in alcohol and/or other drug use/abuse, nor possess paraphernalia specific to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs. Students who use prescription drugs or medical cannabis authorized by a licensed physician do not violate this policy if the students conform to the prescription and appropriate school policies.

Disciplinary Sanctions and Implementation Procedures

The following procedures will be used in dealing with possession, use, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol and other drugs:

First Offense

1. The administration will notify the parents/guardians and arrange a conference.
2. The administration shall suspend the student for ten (10) days in compliance with student due process procedures.
3. The administration will notify the parents/guardians in writing
4. The administration shall notify available law enforcement authorities.
5. State and federal regulations regarding special education students will be followed.

The suspension of a student who completes a drug/alcohol assessment from a certified or licensed addiction counselor or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency will be commuted to three (3) days, provided the assessment and recommended program are completed within twenty (20) school days. Extensions of the twenty days may be granted by the administration, for good cause. If a student fails to comply with recommendations from the chemical dependency professional, the remainder of the suspension will be reinstated.

Parents are required to authorize the agency or professional to notify the school administration in writing that the student has been evaluated and has completed any recommended treatment program. The costs of such evaluation and treatment shall be borne by the student and family.

Second and Subsequent Offenses (other than distribution)

1. The administration will contact the parents/guardians to arrange for a conference.
2. The administration shall notify available law enforcement authorities.
3. The administration shall suspend for ten (10) days in compliance with student due process procedures.
4. The administration will notify the parents/guardians in writing of the suspension.
5. A long term suspension hearing shall be scheduled before the school board pursuant to due process rules for long-term suspension. The administration will recommend to the school board that the student be suspended for ninety (90) school days. The ninety (90) day suspension for a second offense may be reduced to ten (10) school

days if the student completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. Any fees for this assessment and / or treatment shall be borne by the student and family.

In the case of subsequent offenses, an expulsion hearing shall be scheduled before the school board pursuant to due process rules for expulsion. The administration will recommend that the student be expelled.

Supplying/Distributing or Selling Alcohol and Other Drugs or Material Represented to be a Controlled Substance (all occurrences)

1. The administration will notify parents/guardians in writing of the suspension.
 2. Supplying or selling chemicals shall result in a ten (10) day suspension.
 3. The administration will refer the case to available law enforcement authorities.
 4. A hearing on the case will be conducted by the school board pursuant to due process rules for long term suspension or expulsion. Expulsion for one year may be recommended by the administration.
 5. State and federal requirements regarding special education students will be followed.
- C. Students whose observed behavior indicates possible use of alcohol and/or other drugs will be referred to the building administrator and/or "first responder" medical personnel will determine whether to contact the parents/guardians for further instruction, refer to the emergency authorization form, or immediately seek additional medical treatment. Following the handling of the medical emergency, this Policy Statement for Alcohol and/or Other Drug Abuse will be followed.

D. Use of alcohol sensors

A device known as a Portable Breath Test (PBT) or passive breath alcohol sensor device (PBASD) may be used to check for alcohol breath and can be used with or without a subject's direct participation. The Board authorizes the superintendent, principals and designee(s) to use a PBT or PBASD to screen for breath alcohol.

The purpose for using a PBT or PBASD is to protect students who may be under the influence of alcohol, other students, staff and community members attending school events and to deter the use of alcohol by students. Nothing set forth in this policy precludes school district personnel from using the power of observation and professional judgment when there is reasonable suspicion of youth alcohol consumption.

The board authorizes PBT and PBASD screening of students during the school day upon reasonable suspicion that a student may have consumed alcohol, and of attendees before, during and after school activities and events, including, but not limited to, dances, athletic events, proms, class trips, drama productions, music trips, graduation ceremonies and school assemblies.

Evidence of alcohol consumption, whether detected by PBT, PBASD or personal observation shall be reported immediately to the principal or designee and law enforcement.

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