



Home Street Middle School Drug/Alcohol Policy

Philosophy

Home Street Middle School recognizes the hardship created by drugs and alcohol at the individual and community levels. In so doing we unite to provide a drug free environment, safe for student growth and learning.

While we recognize the need for compassionate treatment of those addicted and seeking help, we also uphold the policy of not using drugs/alcohol any time while on campus or at any off-campus HSMS event. HSMS Administration has approved the use of drug dogs as a deterrent to the use of drugs and alcohol.

Policy

The policy relating to such abuses is designed to be preventative in nature and is intended to help any student having problems with alcohol or drugs.

Possession/Use First Offense

When a student is found for the first time, in possession of, under the influence of, using drugs or alcohol, or paraphernalia on the way to or from school, at school, before, during, or after a school-sponsored event, the unauthorized substance or paraphernalia will be taken away from the student. The police may be contacted whenever any individual is found in possession of illegal substances or is in violation of the law. Parents will be contacted to take the student home. If emergency services are needed, such services shall be contacted and the expense borne by the student and their family.

Any student who is found in possession of or under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall be suspended from school for up to five school days and will be placed into HSMS' Community Day School (CDS). The placement in CDS will be no shorter than 30 school days. In order to exit CDS the student must meet the following requirements: completion of a drug/alcohol diversion class, adequate grades and adequate behavior while in CDS. Extracurricular activities are suspended while a student is in the CDS program. **The school will provide the drug/alcohol diversion class during the school day while in CDS.**

Possession/Use Second Offense

Any repeated violation of the school's drug/alcohol policy will result in the student being referred for expulsion from HSMS.