

Violation of Substance Abuse Policy

Students

First Offense

A minimum five (5) day suspension from school. A parent conference will be scheduled with school administrators. If the parent(s) and student meet with school administrators during the first two (2) days of suspension, the suspension may be reduced to three (3) days, depending on the severity of the offense.

Suspension from participation in and attendance at any extracurricular activities for a minimum of one (1) calendar week.

Referral to school counselor.

Students participating in extracurricular activities and/or holding leadership positions are also subject to the provisions outlined in the Code of Conduct for Student Athletes and/or any other school rules governing those activities.

Consideration by the Superintendent of Schools for referral to the School Committee for expulsion.

In case of a criminal offense, any physical evidence and the student's name will be forwarded to the Barrington Police Department.

Subsequent Offenses

A minimum of ten (10) days suspension from school. A parent conference will be scheduled with school administrators.

Suspension from participation in and attendance at any extracurricular activities for a minimum of two (2) calendar weeks.

Referral to school counselor.

Students participating in extracurricular activities and/or holding leadership positions are also subject to the provisions outlined in the Code of Conduct for Student Athletes and/or any other school rules governing those activities.

In the case of a criminal offense, any physical evidence and the student's name will be forwarded to the Barrington Police Department.

Consideration by the Superintendent of Schools for referral to the School Committee for expulsion.

Our schools will provide counseling referral, without disciplinary action, to any student voluntarily seeking substance abuse treatment. Through our educational programs and working cooperatively with parents, our goal is to provide the information and knowledge that will enable our students to make substance abuse prevention decisions.

Staff

Disciplinary procedures for any violations of this policy by employees shall be subject to the grievance procedure as outlined under the various labor agreements with employees. The sale, use and distribution of prohibited substances or the use of alcohol in violation of Policy JFCI is an extremely serious matter and disciplinary action may include dismissal from employment based upon recommendations by the Superintendent.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages in moderation at certain social events either sponsored by the School Committee or related to school activities by staff shall not constitute a violation of this policy so long as the event is strictly an adult gathering, i.e., no students are present.

Legal References

[RI Gen law 16-21-16](#)

[RI Gen Law 16-21-21.1](#)

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