

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT No. 67

CHEMICAL USE BY STUDENTS PROCEDURES

Students who violate Policy JICH, Chemical Use by Students, will be subject to guidelines listed below.

I. Violations at school or at school functions

If a K-12 grade student is in possession of, is in the possession of with intent to sell, is voluntarily in the presence of, is using, or is under the influence of chemicals on school property or at school functions, the following procedure will be followed:

1. Investigate the incident which shall have occurred in the current school year and determine appropriate action. Any appropriate discipline will begin following the investigation and will be carried out in full regardless of the date of the infraction;
2. Inform parents of incident;
3. Inform appropriate authorities, if necessary;
4. Suspend student(s) for up to 10 days and request that student(s) be screened for chemical dependency. The student(s) can return to school upon receipt of a written verification that a Chemical Dependency Screening has occurred. Failure to report for screening will result in a hearing with the Board to determine what action will be taken.
5. Recommend that appropriate follow-up will be conducted, as determined by the screening process.
6. Additional offenses by the student will result in a 10-day suspension, and the student will be required to meet with the Board for a hearing. The student will also be requested to report immediately to a chemical dependency clinic.
7. Student(s) will be ineligible to participate in any school activity for which a grade is not received for 30 activity days (Monday – Saturday).

Awards Ceremonies:

1. If an infraction occurs after the student's last competition, the student will receive his/her award(s) but will not be allowed to participate in the school's awards ceremony.
2. If the award ceremony occurs within the 30-day suspension period, any student recognized at a regional or state level will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremonies on the conference or state level.

Definition of School Activity:

- ◆ Athletics
- ◆ Trips, excluding Project Graduation
- ◆ Clubs
- ◆ Social Events, including 8th grade last dance, senior prom (graduation ball), and whitewater rafting and paintball outings for seniors
- ◆ Intramurals
- ◆ Non-graded Music Activities
- ◆ Student Elected and Appointed Positions, etc.

II. Violations not at school or at school sponsored activities

If a K-12 grade student is in possession of, is in the possession of with intent to sell, is voluntarily in the presence of, is using, or is under the influence of chemicals not at school or not at school functions or voluntarily attends a function where chemicals are being illegally used, the following procedure will be followed:

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If an activity has a tryout and the student is ineligible at the time of a tryout, they will not be allowed to participate in the tryout, therefore making them ineligible for participation in that activity.

II. Self or Third Party Referrals

Self or third party referrals, prior to any infraction, will require the student to report immediately to a chemical dependency clinic for screening. The student can return to school and activities upon written recommendation by the chemical dependency clinic. Referrals should be directed to the guidance department or principal.

NOTES:

1. Appropriate administration will be responsible for investigating incidents and enforcing this policy.
2. Eligible seniors will be allowed to participate in class night, baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies.
3. Suspension: If a student is suspended, all work can be made up and the student is encouraged to do so. The amount of time for make-up is one (1) day of school for each day of suspension.
4. This policy will be reviewed every 2 years.

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5. Definition of “current school year: “The current school year for all activities begins on the first official start date in the fall and ends with the last official activity event in the spring.”

Legal Reference: 21 USC 812 (Controlled Substance Act); 21 CFR Part 1300. 11-15
20 USC 7101 et seq. (Safe Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act)
P.L. 101-226 (Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989)
17-A MRSA 1101
42 USC 290dd-2; 42 CFR 2.1 et seq.
20-A MRSA 1001(9); 4008; 6621 et seq.
22 M.R.S.A. §§ 2390-2394

Cross References: GBEC – Drug Free Workplace
JJI – Student Activities/Extracurricular Activities Eligibility
JIC – Student Code of Conduct
JICH – Chemical Use by Students
JICIA – Weapons, violence, Bullying and School Safety
JKD – Suspension of Students
JKE – Expulsion of Students
JLCD – Administering Medications to Students
JRA – Student Records
JFCL – Breathalyzer Use

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