

<b>Menno School District</b>	<b>NEPN Code: JFCI</b>
<b>Policy Manual</b>	

## **STUDENT DRUG ABUSE**

The Board recognizes its share of the responsibility for the health, welfare, and safety of the students who attend the district's schools. The Board is concerned about the community problem of drug abuse and further recognizes that the use of narcotic drugs, depressants, and other controlled substances illegally and/or inappropriately constitutes a hazard to the positive development of students. Therefore, the district's policy on drugs requires:

1. The education of students to bring about awareness and understanding of the dangers inherent in the use of controlled drugs.
2. The provision in each school of counseling services that will make it possible for drug-troubled students to seek and get counseling any time without fear of reprisal and with assurance of the confidentiality of the counseling.
3. Emergency health and safety care which may be in order for students under the active influence of drugs at school or in connection with any school activity.
4. Close cooperation by school officials with parents or guardians of students seriously suspected or reliably reported to be illegally involved with controlled drugs. This requires that parents be notified and conferences be arranged when suspicion of drug abuse in any form (use, possession, or distribution) is sufficiently founded. This is intended as a time when school officials may work with parents or guardians without involving law enforcement agencies and without taking disciplinary action.
5. The prohibition of the use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs on school property or in connection with any school activity. Violation of this provision must be reported to the proper law enforcement agency and is cause for suspension from school.
6. Any person caught, the subject of a youth diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition for the possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana will be restricted from participation in extra curricular activities as sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association for one year. If, however, the student participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program, the suspension will be reduced to sixty school days. If the assessment indicates a need for a higher level of care, the person will be required to complete the prescribed care before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Upon a second offense, the ban becomes permanent.

The Superintendent will be responsible for developing legally sound procedures for implementation of this policy.

Legal References:      SDCL 13-32-4.3; 13-32-9;  
                                  SDCL 13-55-29;  
                                  SDCL 22-42-15; 22-42-19;  
                                  SDCL 26-11-5.1

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