

STUDENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

Selling and/or distributing drugs, alcohol, and/or any substance intended to be used as an intoxicant is prohibited at any time in the schools, on school grounds, or at any school related event. Use and/or possession of alcohol and drugs without a legal prescription issued to the user is prohibited at any time. Over-the-counter, legal medication is only permitted with written permission from the parent/guardian. Prescription or non-prescription drugs shall be kept and administered by the school nurse and/or designated health service personnel to insure appropriate use (as defined in Policy JLC).

- a. If a student appears to be under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any substance intended to be used as an intoxicant, the parent/guardian will be notified by the building administrator or designee. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to remove the student from the building immediately.
- b. If a student appears to need immediate medical attention, the building administrator is authorized to call an ambulance to transport the student to the hospital. Parents/guardians will be notified of this action immediately and be responsible for the incurred expenses (ref. Policy EBBC).
- c. If there is reasonable evidence of the illegal possession and/or use of drugs, alcohol, or any substance intended to be used as an intoxicant by any student in the school, on school grounds, or at any school related event, the student will be suspended from school for up to ten (10) days. A conference with the parents/guardians, student, and building administrator will be held as soon as possible and the police will be notified.
- d. Any student found dealing, distributing, giving away, or purchasing any drugs, alcohol, or substance intended to be used as an intoxicant will be reported to police authorities and suspended from school immediately for ten (10) days with a referral to the school board for expulsion.
- e. Any student misrepresenting a substance as a drug, alcohol, or a substance intended to be used as an intoxicant, with the intent to sell, distribute, or give away, will be reported to legal authorities and subject to the same disciplinary actions as outlined in section "c" or "d."



Student Disciplinary Procedures:

On a student's first offense, the building administrator or his/her designee shall inform the student and parents/guardians that the student may be suspended from school for up to ten (10) days. If the parents/guardians agree to have the student referred for evaluation and recommendations by a certified substance abuse counselor, then the suspension may be reduced.

After the above initial disciplinary action, the student will meet with the building administrator or guidance counselor to determine a course of action.

A student who follows the recommended course of action may, at the building administrator's discretion, continue to participate in co-curricular activities as long as the student complies with the recommended course of action and there is no further evidence of drug or alcohol involvement.

If a student refuses to participate in the recommended course of action, then he/she will be prohibited from participating in any co-curricular or school sponsored activities until they comply.

Second offenses within the same school year shall be referred to the school board for an expulsion hearing.

Legal References:

21 USC § 821, *Controlled Substances Act*

RSA 318-C, *Occupations and Professions; Controlled Drug Act*

RSA 571-C:2, *Public Justice; Responsibility to Minors; Intoxicating Beverages at Interscholastic Athletic Contests*

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