

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

Dangerous and narcotic drugs for which a student has a prescription and carries onto school property for ingestion will be kept in the Nurse's or Principal's office.

Use of alcohol or illegal drugs and/or possession of same, in any form, is not permitted at any time. "At any time" means any event, whether on school property or elsewhere, in any way organized, supervised or participated in by the school including, but not limited to, home and away athletic events, dances, field trips, plays, musical performances or graduation related activities. Parent(s) or guardian(s) will be informed immediately if a student is in violation of this policy, and the matter will be brought to the attention of proper authorities.

1. In cases when a student appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified by school authorities to remove the student from school.
2. In severe cases, if the parent(s) or guardian(s) is unable or unwilling to come to the school, the principal is authorized to call an ambulance to transport the student to the hospital. Parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified of this action and be responsible for the incurred expenses.
3. Upon reasonable evidence of the illegal possession and/or use of drugs and/or alcohol by a student on District property, the student will be suspended from school for at least five (5) days. A conference with the parent(s) or guardian(s), child and principal shall be held as soon as possible.
4. Any student found possessing, selling, distributing or giving away illegal drugs and/or alcohol will be turned over to police authorities immediately and suspended from school.
5. The Administration shall determine the appropriate punishment for violation of the prohibitions contained in this policy, which punishment may include without limitation:
 - a. Suspension
 - b. Expulsion
 - c. Parent notification
 - d. Police notification
 - e. Confiscation
6. Any student convicted in court for illegally selling drugs and/or using alcohol on or off school property will be suspended from school pending Board action.

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Appendix Reference:

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