

**Greater Albany SD 8J  
Board Policy**

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## **Substance/Drug Abuse**

The following procedures are established to implement Board policy JFCI, Substance/Drug Abuse.

### **Regulation #1:**

Use, possession of or being under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol or the possession of drug paraphernalia or any substance purported to be an unlawful drug or improper use of an over-the-counter drug on or about premises or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited.

### **Procedures:**

1. The district will investigate when there is reasonable suspicion that a student is in violation of the regulation. The appearance of being under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol is among reasons which may be considered sufficient to establish reasonable suspicion. Parents or guardians<sup>1</sup> may be asked to help determine if a student is under the influence;
2. The student's parents or guardians will be notified and a conference scheduled; law enforcement may be notified;
3. Students possessing, using or under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol will be suspended until further investigation can be made and disposition determined;
4. Conditions for reinstatement or continuation in school may include some or all of the following conditions for up to one calendar year:
  - a. No involvement with drugs, alcohol or other illegal substances at school or school activities.
  - b. Participation in a screening if suspected of drug or alcohol involvement around school with the understanding he or she will be expelled if the results indicate drug or alcohol use.
  - c. Participation in monthly drug tests for six months to document that he/she is drug/alcohol free with the understanding that he or she will be expelled if the results indicate drug or alcohol use.

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<sup>1</sup> As used in this document, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, an adult student whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-0005(18).

- d. A plan to continue his or her education and make satisfactory progress while removed from regular school attendance.
  - e. Successful participation in a certified substance abuse counseling program at parent or guardian expense prior to returning to the regular school program. A release of information will be signed so school administrators can be apprised of the student's counseling progress.
  - f. Conditions of this agreement will be recorded in the student's behavioral record.
5. Violations of this policy may lead to expulsion proceedings.

**Regulation #2:**

The sale or distribution of controlled substances or alcohol on or about school premises or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited.

**Procedures:**

1. The district will investigate students when there is reasonable suspicion of a violation of the regulation;
2. During the school administrator's investigation of a possible violation, students may be suspended. When students are found to have sold or distributed or attempted to sell or distribute controlled substances, the school will initiate expulsion procedures;
3. Parents or guardians will be notified and law enforcement called notifying them of the action taken by the school, leaving to law enforcement the investigation for possible violation of criminal law;
4. Among the conditions for reinstatement or continuation in school will be participation in a drug intervention or support group with the student or his/her parents bearing any costs.

**Regulation #3:**

Students may use medications prescribed for them as provided for in administrative rules.

**Procedures:**

1. Students taking medication must furnish the following information to the office, or to school officials in charge of any school activity: the amount and description of the drug to be taken and a parental permission slip indicating the medication was prescribed by a physician. During school hours, the above-mentioned medication shall be taken only in the office to avoid misunderstanding and complications. During all other school-sponsored activities, medication is to be taken under the supervision of the school official in charge;
2. Students who have not registered medications through the office, or to the designated school official, seen taking, possessing, or under the influence of drugs in school or at a school-sponsored activity, or while traveling to or from the home on the school bus, may be treated as one taking, possessing or furnishing drugs illegally.

Under district direction, a drug awareness curriculum appropriate to the age and grade level of students will be developed. Among the purposes of the curriculum will be to help students avoid and, when necessary, overcome abuse of controlled substances. Each principal will develop a plan to respond to abuse of controlled substances and alcohol by students as part of the building behavior management plan.