

Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Use

First Offense

Student will be suspended from school for a minimum of three school days, maximum of 10 school days. The student will be expected to obtain an assessment from a chemical dependency counselor or treatment facility, at the expense of the parent. A release of information will be obtained so school administrators can be apprised of the student's counseling progress. If parents refuse assessment or refuse to follow the recommendations of the assessment, expulsion may be recommended.

Readmittance

The student will be readmitted to school following a conference with a parent and administrator and consideration of the results of the assessment.

If the student and family go through treatment the school may provide ongoing support for the student in the form of daily or weekly recovery groups, specifically designed for students recovering from chemical dependency.

Conditions for reinstatement or continuation in school may include some or all of the following conditions for up to one calendar year:

1. No use, possession or sale of drugs, alcohol or other illegal substances at school or school activities;
2. 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.

Appeal

On the first offense a student/parent may appeal the conditions of the suspension or reinstatement to the principal or to the superintendent if the conditions of the suspension or reinstatement were imposed by the principal.

Second Offense

The student is suspended from school for a minimum of 10 school days and may be recommended for expulsion. The student will be expected to complete an assessment (if an assessment has not already been sought) and follow through with the recommendations made by the assessing agency at the expense of the parent. If treatment is recommended and parents refuse to seek treatment, the student may be recommended for expulsion.

Appeal

Appeal may be taken to the superintendent.

Third Offense

The student will be suspended from school and will be recommended for expulsion.

Sale or Distribution

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 policy.
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.

This policy will be reviewed after the first and second years. If it is not renewed after year three, the entire policy will sunset.