

Student Alcohol/Drug Use

The purpose of the following procedures is to provide direction to school staff in the development of a comprehensive program designed to address the issues related to student substance abuse, use, possession, sale or supply of alcohol and other unlawful drugs, including drug paraphernalia. Implementation of this procedural guideline, including staffing, in-service training and instructional materials, will be provided within the resources allocated in the annual budget.

The schools will communicate about substance abuse, unlawful drugs, including drug paraphernalia and alcohol with students and parents in a nonaccusing manner. It is not the intention to punish but to correct inappropriate behavior and to provide assistance to those students with chemical dependency. If a student is found selling or sharing unlawful drugs/alcohol on campus, or at any school-sponsored activity, however, the student will be recommended for expulsion for the maximum period allowable under Oregon law and Board policy.

If a student is suspected to be in violation of the district's substance abuse prohibition or is under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol, the teacher or other staff member shall refer the student to an administrator immediately. The student will be removed from the class or activity. The administrator may request the parent to pick up his/her student and have a drug test or drug/alcohol assessment performed at the parent's expense. In addition, the following consequences will occur for students in possession or under the influence of unlawful drugs/alcohol (where no selling or sharing with other students occur):

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. If parents refuse assessment or refuse to follow the recommendations of the assessment, expulsion may be recommended. A list of agencies will be provided for the parent's convenience.

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. The parents will be expected to sign a release of information with the treatment center.

APPEAL

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

THIRD OFFENSE

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