

Substance/Drug Abuse

Rational:

Clear and consistent boundaries are important in order to develop an optimal learning environment which assures the safety and welfare of students and staff. The unlawful possession, use, sale or supply of any narcotics including marijuana or any other illegal drug, or any substance purported to be an illegal drug, on or about the school premises or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited. The policies are also interpreted to include drug paraphernalia.

Drug Paraphernalia/Association Consequences:

First Offense (Suspension)

1. Suspend the student for five days;
2. Notify the parent of the student and request an immediate conference;
3. Notify law enforcement;
4. Require that for the student to be readmitted into the district educational programs, a chemical use evaluation be performed by a school-approved third party at the parent's expense. The administrator will supply information about any currently approved no-cost evaluations available in the area. The student and parent must agree to fulfill the recommendation of the evaluator;
5. Require that the student on readmittance attend group or individual counseling sessions at school or within the community;
6. Recommend expulsion if there is failure on the part of the student to allow the evaluation.

Drug Consequences:

The district is a zero tolerance district for substance or illegal drug use. All students found in violation of these policies shall be expelled from school. The expulsion term will be for one calendar year beginning on the date of expulsion.

A student may be readmitted on a probationary status prior to the completion of the one-year expulsion term based on the following:

1. Severity of the infraction;
2. Satisfactory completion of the terms of the expulsion contract;

3. Student's behavior and attitude while expelled.

Note: Law enforcement officials will be notified in all drug violations.

Expulsion Contract Terms

A team will develop a contract for the expelled student. The team will be composed of an administrator, counselor, teacher and resource person or persons, as needed. The expulsion contract will include activities in four areas:

1. Academics: Tutoring, work experience, Internet classes, ropes training, mentors, fitness, attendance at other schools or programs, etc.;
2. Counseling: Counseling and education, parenting classes, family counseling, etc.;
3. Citizenship: Perform community service, be law-abiding, meet off-campus commitments during school hours, etc.;
4. Drug Monitoring: Random urine analysis, observation and conferencing, etc.

In addition, the team will establish the earliest date at which the student or parent may apply for readmittance on a probationary status.

Terms for Readmittance to School on Probation

1. The student or parent requests readmittance on a probationary status based on the expulsion contract.
2. The team will review the expulsion contract terms for evidence of compliance.
3. The team will make a decision to readmit the student on a probationary status or to continue the expulsion contract.

Conditions for Staying in School While on Probation

1. The team will establish probationary standards which will include academic, behavior, extracurricular and counseling requirements it feels are appropriate.
2. Students failing to meet the probationary standards as evaluated by the team will immediately return to the off-campus expulsion contract.

(This rule applies K-12; however, elementary principals may use discretion with students based on each student's unique circumstances.)