

Substance Use/Abuse

A student shall not possess, sell, distribute, use, be in association with, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, alcoholic beverage, drug look-alike or intoxicant of any kind on district grounds or off the school grounds at any school activity, function or event. School authorities – with reasonable suspicion – may conduct periodic searches of school lockers as appropriate (See Board policy JFG - Student Searches).

Violation of the substance policy by a student will initiate administrative action as follows:

1. Referral Procedure

Licensed/Classified staff will not be asked to make value judgments as to whether or not a student is under the influence of drugs, alcohol, etc. Any staff member who is concerned about a student shall follow this procedure:

- a. Notify the office (principal) that you are concerned about a student;
- b. The principal will come to your class and remove the student;
- c. The principal will ascertain if the student's behavior is drug-related or if other factors are present. The principal may utilize testing devices/procedures as deemed appropriate to determine drug abuse;
- d. The principal shall determine the appropriate course of action concerning the student.

2. Use, Possession or Under the Influence

First Referral

- a. The student who violates the substance abuse policy will be immediately suspended from school for up to five school days.*
- b. Law enforcement officials will be notified.
- c. The parent of the student will be notified.
- d. A conference will be arranged by the principal or designee. The student, student's parents and selected school personnel will participate in the conference. During the conference the student will be questioned concerning the use and the source of the drugs and/or alcohol.

- * The length of suspension may be shortened if the parents can verify that they have had the student assessed by a mental health treatment center, and will receive the treatment recommended by the center at the parents' expense.

Second Referral

- a. The student will serve a maximum of five school days out-of-school suspension and a recommendation to the superintendent for a possible expulsion hearing. The superintendent will hold a formal hearing and/or review the material to determine if a recommendation for expulsion will be made to the Board.*
- b. Law enforcement officials may be notified.
- c. The parent of the student will be notified.
- d. A conference will be arranged by the principal or designee. The student, student's parents and selected school personnel will participate in the conference. During the conference the student will be questioned concerning the use and the source of the drugs and/or alcohol.
- e. The student will be referred to the District Assessment Team. The student and parents will meet with the District Assessment Team or a District Assessment Team member to develop a plan of action.

* An expulsion may be rescinded if the parents can verify that they have had the student assessed by a mental health treatment center, and will receive the recommended treatment suggested by the center at the parents' expense. A copy of the results of the assessment will be made available to the school. Should the student fail to complete the recommended treatment, the expulsion will be reinstated. A drug/alcohol reinstatement form may be provided to the parent to help document the assessment/treatment.

Third Referral

- a. Parents will be notified.
- b. The student will be suspended for a maximum of five school days out-of-school with a possible recommendation for expulsion.
- c. Law enforcement officials will be notified.

3. Sales and Distribution

- a. Parents will be notified.
- b. Students will be suspended for a maximum of five school days.
- c. Law enforcement officials will be notified.
- d. An expulsion hearing will be held before the Board.