Prohibition of Tobacco, Alcohol or Drugs

The following guidelines will govern possession, use, delivery or sale of tobacco, alcohol or drugs by students.

All students will be subject to and governed by the parent/student handbooks and procedures in the buildings and programs which they attend.

Definitions

1. "District premises" means any building, facility, school grounds, athletic grounds or parking lot owned, leased, rented or chartered by the district.

2. "District vehicle" means any vehicle owned, leased, rented or chartered by the district.

3. "Tobacco" means any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product, as well as spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew and snuff, in any form, nicotine or nicotine delivering devices, chemicals or devices that produce the physical effect of nicotine substances or any other tobacco substitute (e.g., e-cigarettes). This does not include FDA approved nicotine replacement therapy products used for the purpose of cessation.

4. "Tobacco paraphernalia" means any clothing, bag, hat or other personal item that displays, promotes or advertises a tobacco product.

5. "Use of tobacco" means to smoke, inhale, dip or chew tobacco.

6. "Alcohol" means any alcoholic beverage containing more than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume, and every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, and capable of being consumed by a human being;

7. "Alcohol paraphernalia" means any clothing, bag, hat or other personal item that displays, promotes or advertises an alcoholic product.

8. "Drugs" means any drug or controlled substance not prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner.

9. "Drug paraphernalia" means any clothing, bag, hat or other personal item that displays, promotes or advertises a drug, as well as any item included within the definition at ORS 475.525(2)(a) through (i)(A)-(N).

Notice will be given to students, families, staff and visitors of the tobacco-free policy in handbooks and newsletters and on posted signs.

Students are prohibited from using, delivering or selling tobacco, alcohol or drugs. Such use may result in any of the following:

1. Conference with staff, guardians or advocates and presentation of curriculum on tobacco, alcohol or drugs.*

2. In-school suspension (4 days) and re-enroll in cessation program.

3. Out-of-school suspension (5 days).**

4. Possibility of exclusion from school.

The curriculum will provide students with information on the dangers of substance use and abuse. Speakers and programs may be available, including participants from The American Lung Association, American Cancer Society and American Heart Association. A diversion program will be available for students caught using tobacco products, as well as for students who wish to participate voluntarily.

Students may also be subject to removal from any or all extracurricular activities and/or denial or forfeiture of school honors or privileges. School and/or community service may be required. A referral to law enforcement may be made.

Information about community resources and voluntary cessation programs for students will be provided. The district will promote cessation and other positive alternatives to discipline. The MESD Health and Social Services program will include referrals to resources and opportunities to help students overcome addictions.

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*   Failure to attend the program or request by parents for the student not to participate in the program will result in step 2 being administered.

**   Attendance or completion of cessation programs by students may be allowed as a substitute to, or as a part of student discipline for possession, use, distribution or sale of tobacco, alcohol or drugs. Attendance at cessation programs not offered by the district is voluntary and related costs are the individual responsibility of the staff member, student and his/her parent and private health-care system.