

Substance Abuse

If a student violates the Board's substance abuse policy, the administration will follow the procedures established in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and will notify the parents. If there has been a violation of the law, the appropriate law enforcement agencies will be notified.

Voluntary Requests for Assistance¹

If a student voluntarily requests assistance from a school official with regard to an alcohol or substance/drug use problem for which there is no rule violation enforcement imminent, there shall be no discipline of the student.

1. The student will be encouraged to meet with the school substance abuse counselor or other appropriate professional person and follow his or her recommendations, such as:

In-school intervention/prevention

- a. Peer Support groups
- b. Drinking Decisions
- c. Alternative education placements (transfers, night school)
- d. Contractual agreements

Out of school intervention/treatment

- a. Free assessment
Drinking Decisions
Serenity Lane
- b. Private counseling
- c. Treatment
Outpatient — Serenity Lane, Center, Looking Glass

Community based information and support

- a. Community Forum
- b. Looking Glass
- c. Lane County Council on Alcohol
- d. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

¹See Board policy JHCD, Administering Noninjectable Medicines to Students, and JHCDA, Administering Injectable Medicines to Students, for the legitimate use of medication at school.

- e. Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- f. Chrysalis
- g. Drinking Decisions

Family based information and support

- a. Parent Network
- b. Tough Love

2. Should there be subsequent self-referrals, an assessment by a professional diagnostician will be recommended.

Noncompliance with Substance Abuse Policy

In the instance where the student has failed to voluntarily request assistance as described above and is determined by a school official to have violated the district's substance abuse policy, the student will face the following minimum consequences:

Use and/or possession:

First Offense: The student faces disciplinary action which will include suspension for up to 10 days. It is expected that students will attend mandatory meetings with the school substance abuse counselor or another appropriate professional person and show a willingness to follow his/her recommendation for treatment. Prior to any suspension, the parents will be notified about the suspension and requested to attend a conference for re-entry. If the student fails to follow the recommendations and requirements satisfactorily, continued suspension for up to 10 days will be mandatory and expulsion will be considered.

Subsequent Offenses: The student faces disciplinary action which will include up to 10 days of suspension. A mandatory meeting will be held with the substance abuse counselor for re- evaluation. Further action may include: referral to the police, court, social probation for nine weeks or referral to a treatment facility. For subsequent offenses, parents will be notified the same day and will be expected to attend a conference to review all recommendations. If the student fails to follow the recommendations and requirements satisfactorily, further action will be taken which may include expulsion.

The awareness and support of parents for a student affected by alcohol and other drug abuse and chemical dependency are extremely important. However, where either students or parents do not wish to cooperate in making needed assistance available, the student's status in school may have to be re-evaluated, taking into account the best interests of the student, the nature of the problem, and the health, safety, welfare, educational opportunity and rights of other students and staff.

Distribution:

- First Offense: The student faces disciplinary action which will include 10 days of suspension and a mandatory meeting with the substance abuse counselor for evaluation. Further action may include referral to the police, court or other treatment facility, or social probation for nine weeks or an expulsion hearing. Parents will be notified the same day and expected to attend a conference before re-entry. If the student fails to follow the recommendations and/or requirements of the conference, further action will be taken which may include expulsion.
- Subsequent Offenses: The student faces disciplinary action which will include 10 days of suspension. Further action will include the police, courts, other agencies, social probation for nine weeks, and expulsion procedures will be started. The parents will be notified on the same day and expected to attend a conference to review the process.

District Substances Abuse Policy

Action taken when student is under the influence or in possession of drugs/alcohol at school or involved in school-related activities.

