

## **Use of Tobacco, Alcohol or Drugs**

Scappoose school students in violation of the district's tobacco, drug and alcohol policy shall be subject to the following non-disciplinary and disciplining procedures:

### 1. Non-Disciplinary Procedures

- a. Self-Referral: Students who are concerned about their involvement with substances are encouraged to ask a staff member for assistance. This staff member will help the student contact a member of the core team. The core team will help educate the student on the impact of the substance use on their personal, physical and academic well-being. The core team consists of administrators, school counselors and staff members.

All self-referrals (including those from athletes and other participants in school-sponsored activities) will be treated confidentially between the student, teacher and core team. The responsibility of the core team will be to identify possible supportive services to the student with no disciplinary action involved.

Students who are affected by another person's substance use also are encouraged to seek education and/or support for themselves. As with self-referrals, all information will be treated confidentially with no disciplinary action.

- b. Other Referrals: Effective substance abuse prevention and early intervention requires consistent awareness and careful observation by individuals who work with or observe the student on a daily basis. Individuals (staff, parent, another student, community member) who are concerned about a student's behavior or possible substance involvement, should contact the core team.

### 2. Disciplinary Procedures

The following procedures will be in effect for any student of the Scappoose School District who has been found to be using, possessing or distributing mood altering substances.

#### a. Definitions:

- (1) A mood altering substance is any substance not taken at the direction of a physician, that has been used in a manner dangerous to the health of the user. This includes, but is not limited to, alcohol, marijuana, heroin, stimulants, depressants, hallucinogenic and prescription drugs;

- (2) Use and Possession: Students who use, possess or are under the influence of mood altering substances while under school jurisdiction;
  - (3) Distribution: Students who share and/or sell mood altering substances to other students or persons on or near district property during school hours or at any school-sponsored activity;
  - (4) Found: Positive proof that the student has involvement in use, possession, distribution of mood altering substances. Self-referral is no longer an option at this time.
- b. Possession and/or Use:
- (1) Tobacco:
    - (a) First Offense: Three days in-school suspension
    - (b) Second Offense: Minimum - three day in-school suspension
    - (c) Maximum: Expulsion
  - (2) Alcohol or Drugs:
    - (a) First Offense: For verified possession and/or use of marijuana, alcohol and/or other substances intended to alter mood, not taken at the direction of a physician, all of the following will be imposed:
      - (i) Referral to proper law enforcement agency;
      - (ii) Notify and request an immediate conference with the parents/ guardian of the student;
      - (iii) Referral to building core team and/or principal/ designee where no core team is available;
      - (iv) Suspend the student pending expulsion hearing.
      - (v) At the expulsion hearing, the student may be expelled for 30 days\* from the date of the infraction;
      - (vi) Require for the student to be re-admitted into the district education programs, an assessment be performed by an approved third party at the parent's expense. The results of the assessment must be submitted to the principal or designee for consideration;
      - (vii) If the student/parents or guardians refuse to permit the assessment, the expulsion will be extended.
    - (b) Second Offense: The following shall be imposed:
      - (i) Referral to proper law enforcement agency;
      - (ii) Notify and request an immediate conference with the parent/ guardian of the student;
      - (iii) Referral to building core team and/or principal/ designee where no core team is available;
      - (iv) Suspend the student pending expulsion hearing;

- (v) As the expulsion hearing, the student may be expelled for a minimum of the current semester or 45 days<sup>1</sup> from the date of the infraction;
- (vi) Require for the student to be re-admitted into the district education programs, an assessment be performed by an approved third party at the parent's expense. The results of the assessment must be submitted to the principal or designee for consideration;
- (vii) If the student/parents or guardians refuse to permit the assessment, the expulsion will be extended.

c. Sale and Distribution of Drugs and/or Alcohol

- (1) All offenses: For sale and/or distribution of marijuana, alcohol and/or other substances intended to alter mood, not taken at the direction of a physician, all of the following will be imposed:
  - (a) Report to the proper law enforcement agency;
  - (b) Notify and request an immediate conference with parents/guardians of the student;
  - (c) Suspend the student pending expulsion hearing;
  - (d) At the expulsion hearing, the student may be expelled up to a year in all cases where students are found selling or distributing mood altering substances, other drugs or alcohol.

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<sup>1</sup>Student contact days - school days only.