

ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE BY STUDENTS

No student may use, possess, sell or distribute alcohol, drugs, or drug paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored events, except drugs as prescribed under the supervision of a physician. School property, owned or rented, includes buildings, grounds, parking lots, vehicles, athletic fields and the stadium. The terms “alcohol” or “drugs” and/or “controlled substances” shall be construed throughout this policy to include without limitation alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), Angel Dust (PCP), amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs substances commonly referred to as “designer drugs.” The inappropriate sale or use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be prohibited. Further, when a student creates a “look-alike” situation by presenting a substance as an alcoholic beverage, illegal or controlled substance or other drug the consequences will be the same as if the actual alcohol or drugs were present.

All persons shall be prohibited from entering school grounds or school-sponsored events who exhibit behavior, conduct, or personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol and/or other drugs.

The school district will maintain educational programs to inform students of the dangers of the abuse of alcohol and drugs, to develop responsible decision-making skills, and to promote healthy life-styles. Selected staff members in each school will be provided with the necessary training to allow them to:

- recognize specific evidence of student use or possession of controlled substances or drugs;
- recognize the signs of use of alcohol by a student;
- recognize changes in behavior or the exhibiting of abnormal behavior by a student;
- assist the student through proper referral procedures.

PROCEDURES

- Any staff member observing alcohol or drug use or possession shall immediately report the incident to a Building Administrator who will initiate appropriate action.
- Drugs or alcohol will be confiscated immediately.
- Parents/guardians will be notified.
- Disciplinary action will include suspension and referral for prosecution by law enforcement agencies.
- The District will cooperate to the fullest extent possible with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Counseling or referral to outside agencies on a timely basis will be provided to students. The principal must approve any staff recommendations for referral to an outside agency.

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