

Twin Valley School District

No. 227

SECTION(S): Pupils
 TITLE: Controlled Substances
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1		227. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES	1
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3	1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that the misuse of controlled	3
4		substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and	4
5		social implications for the whole school community. As the	5
6		educational institution of this district, the schools should	6
7		strive to prevent abuse of controlled substances.	7
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9	2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, "controlled substances" shall	9
10	P.L. 233	mean:	10
11	No. 64	• all dangerous controlled substances prohibited by law;	11
12		• all "look alike" drugs;	12
13	42 P.S.	• all alcoholic beverages;	13
14	8337	• anabolic steroids;	14
15	Act 64 of 1972	• all drug paraphernalia;	15
16		• any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not	16
17		limited to glue and aerosol products; and	17
18		• any prescription or patent drug, except those for	18
19	Pol. 210	which permission to use in school has been granted	19
20		pursuant to district procedures;	20
21		• synthetic drugs.	21
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23	3. Authority	The board has a zero tolerance for and prohibits students	23
24		from using, possessing, distributing and being under the	24
25	Title 22	influence of any controlled substances during school	25
26	Sec. 12.3	hours, at any time while on school property, at any	26
27		school-sponsored activity and during time spent traveling	27
28	Title 22	to and from school and school-sponsored activities	28
29	Sec. 12.12		29
30	42 P.S.	<u>Off-Campus Activities</u>	30
31	8337		31
32		This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off	32
33	Pol. 207	school property and would violate the Code of Student	33
34		Conduct if any of the following apply:	34
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36		1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of	36
37		the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at	37
38		school or school-sponsored activities.	38
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40		2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity	40
41		and has been notified that particular off-campus	41
42		conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.	42
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44		3. Student expression or conduct materially and	44
45		substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or	45
46		the administration reasonably anticipates that the	46
47		expression or conduct is likely to materially and	47
48		substantially disrupt the operations of the school.	48
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1		4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at	1
2		school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an	2
3		agreement to complete a transaction outside of school	3
4		that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.	4
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6		5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school	6
7		property.	7
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9		The privileged confidentiality between students and guidance	9
10		counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, home and	10
11		school visitors and other school employees shall be respected	11
12		and no confidential communication made to any such	12
13		employee shall be required to be revealed without the consent	13
14		of the student or his/her parent/guardian unless the best	14
15		interests of the student can be served only by such release.	15
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17	4. Delegation of	The building principal or his/her designee will define the	17
18	Responsibility	procedures in the student handbook for the use of	18
19		prescription or patent drugs which have permission to be	19
20		used in school.	20
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22	P.L. 101-226	The Superintendent shall prepare rules for the identification,	22
23	Sec. 5115 (a) (4)	amelioration and control of abuse of controlled substances in	23
24		the schools which shall:	24
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26	42 P. S.	• discourage abuse of controlled substances;	26
27	8337	• establish procedures dealing with students suspected of	27
28	SC 1303-a	the possession, distribution or abuse of controlled	28
29	(b)	substances in school; and	29
30		• establish procedures for the instruction and	30
31		readmission to school of students convicted of offenses	31
32		involving controlled substances.	32
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34		Incidents of possession, use and sale of controlled	34
35		substances and alcohol by any person on school property	35
36		shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required	36
37		form at least once each year.	37
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39		<u>Reporting</u>	39
40		All administrators, staff members, employees and coaches	40
41		shall have a duty to <i>immediately</i> report to school authorities	41
42		(Principal, Director of Pupil Services, etc.) when they suspect	42
43		a violation of any of the provisions of this Controlled	43
44		Substance Policy, either in school, during a school-related	44
45		activity, or during extra-curricular, co-curricular and/or	45
46		school-related activities, clubs and/or organizations.	46
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48	5. Guidelines	Rules developed by the Superintendent shall follow these	48
49		guidelines:	49
50		• In all cases involving students and controlled	50

1		substances, the need to protect the school community	1
2		from undue harm and exposure to controlled	2
3		substances shall be recognized.	3
4		• No student may be admitted to a program that seeks	4
5		to identify and rehabilitate the potential controlled	5
6		substance abuser without the intelligent, voluntary	6
7		and aware consent of the student and his/her parent	7
8		or guardian.	8
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10		<u>Discipline and Rehabilitation</u>	10
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12		Any student who violates this policy shall be subject to the	12
13		following disciplinary, rehabilitative, and punitive actions.	13
14		The Board reserves the right to use any other lawful	14
15		measures deemed necessary to control and eliminate the use	15
16		of drugs, alcohol, and other mood-altering substances even if	16
17		the same is not provided for specifically in any rule or	17
18		regulation enumerated herein.	18
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20		I. <i>Violation:</i> A student possesses drug-related paraphernalia	20
21		and/or a student possesses (actively or constructively),	21
22		uses, or is under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or mood-	22
23		altering substances.	23
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25		A. <u>First Offense</u>	25
26		1. The building administrator shall contact the	26
27		student's parent/guardian and request that they	27
28		come to the building administrator's office	28
29		immediately.	29
30		2. The building administrator shall contact the	30
31		District Superintendent and law enforcement	31
32		authorities.	32
33		3. The building administrator shall schedule an	33
34		informal hearing.	34
35		4. If, after the informal hearing, the building	35
36		administrator determines the offense has been	36
37		committed by the student, the building	37
38		administrator will:	38
39		a. suspend the student for seven (7) days;	39
40		b. require that the student undergo an	40
41		assessment by a licensed drug and alcohol	41
42		facility and comply with the recommendations	42
43		of that facility.	43
44		5. Uncooperative behavior will lead to an additional	44
45		three days of suspension and possible board	45
46		hearing.	46
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48		B. <u>Subsequent Offense(s)</u>	48
49		1. The building administrator shall contact the	49
50		student's parent/guardian and request that they	50
		come to	

1		the building administrator’s office immediately.	1
2		2. The building administrator shall contact the	2
3		District Superintendent and law enforcement	3
4		authorities.	4
5		3. The building administrator shall schedule an	5
6		informal hearing.	6
7		4. If, after the informal hearing, the building	7
8		administrator determines the offense has been	8
9		committed by the student, the building	9
10		administrator shall:	10
11		a. suspend the student for ten (10) days;	11
12		b. require that the student undergo a	12
13		reassessment by a licensed drug and alcohol	13
14		facility and comply with the recommendations	14
15		of the facility;	15
16		c. request a formal disciplinary hearing to be	16
17		scheduled before the Board of School Directors,	17
18		or a committee of the Board, in accordance	18
19		with Section 1318 of the Pennsylvania School	19
20		Code.	20
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22		II. A student distributes or possesses with intent to	22
23		distribute (administrative discretion) a drug, alcohol, or	23
24		mood-altering substance.	24
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26		A. The building administrator shall contact the student’s	26
27		parent/guardian and request that they come to the	27
28		building administrator’s office immediately.	28
29		B. The building administrator shall contact the District	29
30		Superintendent and law enforcement authorities.	30
31		C. The building administrator shall schedule an informal	31
32		hearing.	32
33		D. If after the informal hearing the building administrator	33
34		determines the offense has been committed by the	34
35		student, the building administrator shall:	35
36		1. suspend the student for ten (10) days;	36
37		2. request a formal disciplinary hearing to be	37
38		scheduled before the Board of School Directors, or	38
39		a Committee of the Board, in accordance with	39
40		Section 1318 of the Pennsylvania School Code.	40
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42	Act 104 of 1989	After a drug and alcohol assessment has been completed, the	42
43	42 P.S.	Board may require participation in drug counseling,	43
44	8337	rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of	44
45	Pol. 233	reinstatement into the school’s educational and	45
46		extracurricular activities resulting from violations of this	46
47		policy.	47
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49		The student’s participation in extra-curricular activities will	49
50		be at the discretion of the administration (Superintendent,	50

1		Principal, Athletic Director) including consideration of nature	1
2		and severity of the incident and the student’s academic and	2
3		behavioral standing.	3
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5		<u>PROHIBITION OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS</u>	5
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7	School Code	The use of anabolic steroids by students involved in athletics	7
8	510	is prohibited. In addition to the prohibition of use, the Board	8
9		directs the administration to develop educational plans	9
10	PA Code	regarding the use of anabolic steroids.	10
11	Title 22		11
12	Sec. 12.3, 12.12	Eligibility for participation in school athletics shall be limited.	12
13		No student who has been found to use anabolic steroids shall	13
14	PA Statute	be eligible to participate or resume participation in school	14
15	42 P.S. 8337	athletics unless there has been a medical determination that	15
16		no residual evidence of steroids exists. The Board may	16
17	Other Cite	require participation in any drug counseling, rehabilitation,	17
18	Act 104 of 1989	testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into	18
19		a school athletic program.	19
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21	35 P.S. 807.1	The Superintendent shall prescribe, implement and enforce	21
22		rules and regulations to prohibit the use of anabolic steroids,	22
23		except for a valid medical purpose, by any student involved in	23
24		school-related athletics. Body building and muscle	24
25		enhancement of athletic ability are not valid medical	25
26		purposes. Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be	26
27		included as an anabolic steroid under the provisions of the	27
28		law.	28
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30		Education regarding the dangers of such use shall be	30
31		provided in other district programs on controlled substances.	31
32		Students should be made aware that anabolic steroids are	32
33		classified as controlled substances, and that the use,	33
34		unauthorized possession, purchasing or selling of such could	34
35		subject them to suspension, expulsion, and/or criminal	35
36		prosecution.	36
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38		The following minimum penalties are prescribed for any	38
39		student found in violation of the prohibited use of anabolic	39
40		steroids:	40
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42		1. For a first violation, suspension from school athletics	42
43		for the remainder of the season.	43
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45		2. For a second violation, suspension from school	45
46		athletics for the remainder of the season and for the	46
47		following season.	47
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49		3. For a third violation, permanent suspension from	49
50		school athletics.	50