

Student Drug and Alcohol Policy

The School Board is concerned with the health, welfare and safety of its students. Therefore, the use or consumption of, possession of or distribution of alcoholic beverages or drugs and/or drug-related paraphernalia on school property, including school sponsored transportation, or at any school sponsored activity, on or off school property is prohibited. Students are also prohibited from attending school, school sponsored activities, on or off school property under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or any drug.

It is the intent of the School Board to control the use of alcoholic beverages or drugs by students during school and at any school sponsored activity regardless of whether the use or consumption of the alcoholic beverages or drug occurred on or off school property. This policy also applies to any student who is knowingly in the presence of such substances.

This policy does not apply to students who are administered medication at school in accordance with Ed 311.02 and district policy. The keeping and administering of medications shall be in accordance with Ed 311.02 and the School Board's policy (#5141, Medication During the School Day) adopted to implement Ed 311.02.

Definitions:

"Alcoholic Beverage" means any and all alcoholic beverages and liquors as defined under RSA 175:1.

"Distribution" shall mean the sale, transfer, trade, or exchange in any manner of any drug or alcoholic beverage by a student to any person whether or not a student.

"Drug" means any and all drugs, controlled substances, over-the-counter medication, improper use of prescription medication, or any substance regulated under RSA 318-B.

"Drug-related paraphernalia" any means "any equipment, product or material of any kind which is primarily intended or designed for use in manufacturing, compounding, converting, concealing, producing, processing, preparing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance."(US Department of Justice)

"Possession" shall include, but not be limited to:

1. having control over the alcoholic beverage or drug during any part of a school day or while on school property or at school sponsored activities;
2. transporting the alcoholic beverage or drug to school, school property or school sponsored activities;
3. storing the alcoholic beverage or drug anywhere on the school property, whether in the student's locker or any other student's locker, or any other place on the school property; or
4. doing any other act which causes or contributes to causing the alcoholic beverage or drug to be on school property or at a school sponsored activity, or which causes or contributes to cause the alcoholic beverage or drug to be used on school property or at a school sponsored activity including, but not limited to, knowingly being in the immediate vicinity of the alcoholic beverage or drug.

"School Property" means all real property, physical plant and equipment used for school purposes, including but not limited to school playgrounds, bus stops and buses, whether public or private. "School Sponsored Activity" shall include, but not be limited to field trips, dances, athletic events, and extracurricular activities.

“School Sponsored Transportation” means any vehicle provided by the School District to transport a student(s).

“Under the influence” means manifesting signs of chemical misuse such as staggering, reddened eyes, odor of chemicals, nervousness, restlessness, falling asleep/dozing in class, memory loss, abusive language or any other behavior not normal for the particular student. The school officials’ determination of whether a student is under the influence may be distinct and separate from that of a court.

“Use” shall mean the ingestion, injection or inhalation of any drug or alcoholic beverage and shall also mean a condition or state of being of a student indicating to school authorities that such student is under the influence of a drug or alcoholic beverage.

Penalties:

The use or consumption of, or possession of, or distribution of, alcoholic beverages or drugs or any drug-related paraphernalia on school property or at any school sponsored activity, on or off of school property will result in the student being immediately removed from school. The student shall face disciplinary action under the “Prohibited Conduct” Policy #5149 which may include but is not limited to suspensions and expulsion from school and/or school sponsored activities.

The local law enforcement agency will be contacted regarding the use, possession or distribution of illegal substances at school.

Parents/Guardians will be immediately notified of any incident involving the use or possession of substances and/or drug-related paraphernalia associated with this policy.

Legal References:

21 U.S.C. 812 ©, Controlled Substances Act

RSA 318-C, Controlled Drug Act

RSA 175:1 III “Alcohol”

RSA 571-C:2, Intoxicating Beverages at Interscholastic Athletic Contests

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