

Alcohol, Drugs, Illegal Substances:

The Edmonds School District recognizes that the use/abuse and possession of alcohol, controlled, illegal, addictive, or harmful substance(s), including anabolic steroids, is a societal problem and may represent an impairment to the normal development, well-being, and academic performance of students. To ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all students, the district has developed programs that emphasize prevention, intervention, aftercare support, and necessary corrective actions. The district also recognizes the effects to the school, home, and community resulting from drug and alcohol use/abuse. While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), school staff shall work with the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. Part of the responsibility of the school and school District is to inform students and parents each year of the District's policy on drugs/alcohol. This policy is as follows:

- It is unlawful for a student to sell, possess, use, or show evidence of being under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs while on school district property or at any school-sponsored event. Law enforcement shall be notified when this policy is violated.
- Any student who possesses, uses, or shows evidence of being under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs while on school district property or at a school-sponsored event shall be suspended for the remainder of the semester or 30 days, whichever is longer.
- For a first offense of *Possession, Use, or Paraphernalia*, the suspension can be reduced to a minimum of 3 days with the remainder of days held in abeyance if the student agrees to a drug and alcohol assessment, and if recommended by the drug treatment agency, complete counseling and treatment. The parent(s)/guardian(s) and student will be asked to sign a Release Form allowing a professional treatment center to confer with the school regarding the findings, recommendations, and follow-up program. In order to continue in school, the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) must agree to participate in any follow-up treatment recommended by the treatment center. Failure to comply with the recommendations will result in re-imposition of the Long Term Suspension. Subsequent offenses will result in a Long Term Suspension up to Expulsion as well as referrals to law enforcement.
- Students who sell, buy, or transfer drugs or alcohol at school, on school busses, using district-provided technology, or at school-related activities will face immediate long-term suspension of up to 30 days with no abeyance option and will also face criminal charges. All vehicles parked on school property are expected to be drug/alcohol free.

Note: For students involved in extra-curricular activities: Students will not be permitted to possess, traffic in, and/or use nonprescribed or illegal drugs, alcohol, or any form of tobacco, and may not be in the presence of, or remain in the vicinity of, the use of such substances prohibited by criminal law, or engage in behavior that enables others to illegally use such substances. The penalty for a violation shall be immediate ineligibility for extracurricular competition or performance for forty-five (45) calendar days (see athletic handbook for details).