

Dell Rapids School District #49-3



Policies and Regulations Code: JFCH – Students

JFCH ALCOHOL USE, DRUG AND CHEMICAL ABUSE BY STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes its share of the responsibility for the health, welfare, and safety of the students who attend the districts' schools. Anything that can interfere with the development of an adolescent, therefore, must be evaluated as to its impact to both the young person and the community. Psycho-active and mood altering drugs can destroy the health and well-being of an individual. The school community defines drug use as a serious health problem and is committed to discouraging this behavior and to encouraging young people to seek help should a problem arise.

This policy is in effect on property owned, leased or maintained by the school district, at all school sanctioned activities on and off campus, on vehicles used to transport students to and from school or at other activities and in vehicles parked on school property. This policy is not intended to address the use and possession of tobacco products.

1. **STUDENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM:** An age appropriate developmentally based drug and alcohol education prevention program will be incorporated into the curriculum for all students. This drug and alcohol education prevention program shall address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use. Through the drug and alcohol education and prevention program techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol will be provided.
2. **POSITION STATEMENT:** The Dell Rapids School District believes that the use, sale, and possession of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful. This statement will be part of the Student Handbook.
3. **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:** A student shall not possess, use, transfer, conceal, sell, attempt to deliver, deliver, nor be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled/illegal substance while at school or while participating in or attending a school activity. Nor shall a student possess drug paraphernalia while at school or while participating in or attending a school activity. Students who use medication as prescribed by a licensed physician are not in violation of this policy.
4. **DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS:** The following procedures will be used in dealing with possession, use, transmission or being under the influence of illicit drugs and alcohol:
 - A. **First Offense**
 1. The administration will try to notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) by phone to explain the incident and arrange a conference.
 2. The administration will suspend the student according to the suspension policies of the school district.
 3. If appropriate, the administration will notify law enforcement authorities.
 - B. **Second and subsequent offenses**
 1. The administration will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) to arrange for a conference.
 2. If appropriate, the administration will notify law enforcement authorities.
 3. The administration will suspend the student for long term suspension or expulsion according to the policies of the school district.

4. The administration will recommend to the School Board that the student be expelled, unless the following procedure is followed:
 - a. The student must agree to be evaluated and treated by a trained chemical dependency counselor or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency.
 - b. Upon appropriate authorization, the agency or professional notifies the administration that the student has accepted treatment. If the student is accepting treatment, the recommendation for expulsion may be commuted. Fees for this assessment and treatment are the responsibility of the student and the family.

The following procedures will be used in dealing with students supplying/distributing or selling chemical (drugs/alcohol) or material represented to be a controlled substance:

- A. First Offense and subsequent offenses:
 1. Supplying or selling chemicals will result in a five (5) day suspension according to the suspension policies of the school district.
 2. The administration will refer the case to available law enforcement authorities.
 3. The administration will recommend to the School Board that the student be expelled. Expulsion may be recommended by the Superintendent.
5. PROVISION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT INFORMATION: The superintendent of school will provide to any person, upon request, information identifying programs regarding drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation. Such information is available to students through the superintendent's office or the guidance counselor's office.
6. PROVISION OF WRITTEN POLICY: Parents of students will be provided a copy of the standards of conduct and the statement of disciplinary sanctions as part of the Dell Rapids School District's drug prevention program. Student and parent members of the school community are expected to be aware of and understand these policies and comply with them.
7. COMPLIANCE MANDATORY: Compliance with the Standards of Conduct in this policy is mandatory of all students.
8. BIENNIAL REVIEW: A biennial review by the District of this drug prevention program to (1) determine its effectiveness and to implement changes to the program if they are needed and (2) ensure that the Disciplinary Sanctions in this policy are consistently enforced. This will occur as part of the Board of Education review and approval of student handbooks.

LEGAL REFS.: Public Law 101-226

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