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Admission

The Board of Education (Board) recognizes the statutory right of children residing in the District to be enrolled in school if residency and age are confirmed. However, homeless students shall not be required to show residency.

District schools shall be open to all children five years of age and over who reside in the district and ~~who~~ reach the age five on or before the first day of January of any school year. Each such child shall have, and shall be so advised by the appropriate school authorities, an equal opportunity to participate in the program and activities of the school system without discrimination on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. Students who are classified as homeless under federal law or an unaccompanied youth, as described in 42 USC 11434a, and therefore do not have a fixed residence, will be admitted pursuant to federal law and policy 5118.1.

The parent or person with legal guardianship of a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of age. The parent or person with legal guardianship a child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age.

The parent or person with legal guardianship shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing an option form. The district shall provide the parent or person with legal guardianship with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system.

All resident children under the age of twenty-one who have not obtained a high school diploma are entitled to attend a District school. The parent or person with legal guardianship of any child who is denied admission to the district's schools, or an unaccompanied minor, a student eighteen years of age or older, a homeless child or youth or an unaccompanied youth who is denied schooling on the basis of residency, or an agent or officer charged with the enforcement of the laws concerning attendance at school may request, in writing, a hearing by the Board of Education.

According to Connecticut General Statute 10-76d (b2), special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three and who have been identified as being in need of special education, and whose educational potential will be irreparably diminished without special education. If a special education student is being considered for an exception, the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) will make a recommendation to the administrator in charge of special education.

Each child entering the district schools for the first time must present a birth certificate or offer legal evidence of birth data, as well as proof of a recent physical examination and required immunizations. Other documents that may be accepted as proof of a child's age include, but are not limited to, a photocopy of a birth certificate, earlier school records, state-issued identification document, driver's license or passport, parent's affidavit or unsworn statement as to a child's age, physician's certificate verifying a child's age or immunization records.

Completion of immunization and health assessment requirements are required prior to a child's attendance in school, but are not considered as pre-requisites for enrolling a child who resides in

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the District and is of appropriate age to attend school. If the parents or guardians of any children are unable to pay for such immunizations, the expense of such immunizations shall, on the recommendation of the Board, be paid by the town. ~~Proof of domicile may also be requested by the Building Principal.~~

A school district may not deny enrollment of a child if his/her parent/guardian refuses to provide a social security number.

The above requirements are not to serve as barriers to immediate enrollment of students, designated as homeless or foster children as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by the ESSA. The District shall work with the local child welfare agency, the school last attended, or other relevant agencies to obtain necessary enrollment documentation.

The enrollment process shall be focused on obtaining only the information deemed necessary to establish residency and age. The District shall not request other information as a condition of enrollment or state in its policies or on its websites or otherwise, that other information is required to enroll children. The District shall immediately enroll a homeless child and allow such student to attend school even if the student is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment. Additional data collection may occur, but it must be complete in such a manner that does not interfere with the enrollment of a child in school.

The District, when determining residency, shall not request documentation for citizenship or immigration status of a child or the child's parents/guardians. The Board believes such documentation is not relevant to establishing residency.

In the establishment of residency, the Board will accept such documentation as, but not limited to, a lease agreement, mortgage document, property tax record, rent receipt, home owners insurance, rental insurance, current utility bill, current proof of government benefits, CT driver's license, automobile registration or insurance. An Affidavit of Residence, properly executed, shall also be acceptable.

In order to determine a child's eligibility for ESL or bilingual programs, parents/guardians of all new students enrolling for the first time and all re-enrolling students who have previously attended a Connecticut public school must complete a Home Language Survey (HLS) at the time of enrollment. A student may also take a screening exam. Neither the survey nor the exam are conditions of enrollment.

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Any child entering or returning to the district from placement in a juvenile detention school, the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, or any other residential placement, shall have the educational records of such child provided to the Superintendent of Schools by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Judicial Department. Such information will be shared with the Principal of the school to which the student is assigned. The Principal can disclose them to the staff who teach or care for the child.

The District will immediately enroll any student who transfers from Unified District No. 1 or Unified District No 2. A student transferring from the Unified School Districts who had previously attended school in the local District shall be enrolled in the school such student previously attended, provided such school has the appropriate grade level for the student.

The parent or person with legal guardianship of a child seventeen years of age may consent to such child's withdrawal from school. The parent or person with legal guardianship of a child seventeen years of age shall exercise this option by personally appearing at the school district office to sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an attestation from a school administrator of the school that the district has provided the parent or person with information on the educational options available in the school system and in the community.

Children who have attained the age of seventeen and who have terminated enrollment in the district's schools with parental permission as described previously and subsequently seeks readmission may be denied readmission for up to ninety school days from the date of such termination, unless such child seeks readmission to a district school not later than ten days after such termination. In such case the child will be provided school accommodations not later than three days after the requested readmission.

Note: *When a student is enrolling in a new school district or new state charter school, written notification of such enrollment shall be provided to the previous school district or charter school not later than two business days after the student enrolls.*

Children who apply for initial admission to the district's schools by transfer from nonpublic schools or from schools outside the district will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending assessment and evaluation by building staff. After such assessments and evaluations have been completed, the District will determine the final grade placement of the child(ren).

Children who have attained the age of nineteen or older may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program if they cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one.

(cf. 0521 - Nondiscrimination)
(cf. 5118.1 - Homeless Students)
(cf. 6171 - Special Education)

(cf. 5112 - Ages of Attendance)
(cf. 5141 - Student Health Services)
(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
4-176e to 4-180a Agency hearings.
4-181a Contested cases. Reconsideration. Modifications.
10-15 Towns to maintain schools
10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds, as amended by PA 97-247.
10-76a - 10-76g re special education.
10-184 Duties of parents (re mandatory schooling for children ages five to sixteen, inclusive) - as amended by PA 98-243, PA 00-157 and PA 09-6 (September Special Session) and PA 18-15.
10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board. Readmission, (as amended by P.A. 19-179)
10-220h Transfer of student records, as amended.
P.A. 11-115 An Act Concerning Juvenile Reentry and Education.
P.A. 19-179 An Act Concerning Homeless Students' Access to Education.
10-233a - 10-233f Inclusive; re: suspend, expel, removal of pupils.
10-233c Suspension of pupils.
10-233d Expulsion of pupils.
10-233k Notification of school officials of potentially dangerous students. (as amended by PA 01-176)
10-261 Definitions.
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10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)
10-76d-7 Admission of student requiring special education (referral)
10-204a Required immunizations (as amended by PA 98-243)
"Guidance for Connecticut School Districts: Enrollment Process and Practice," State Department of Education, December 2019.
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Ages of Attendance

District schools shall be open to all children five years of age and over who reside in the district and who reach the age of five on or before January 1st by December 31st of any school year. Each such child shall have, and shall be so advised by the appropriate school authorities, an equal opportunity to participate in the program and activities of the school system without discrimination on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression.

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Parents and those who have the care of children age five to eighteen years of age inclusive are obligated by Connecticut law to require their children to attend public day school or its equivalent in the district in which such child resides, unless the parent or person having control of such child is able to show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public schools. ~~The parent or person having legal guardianship of a child seventeen years of age must consent to such child's withdrawal from school. The parent or person having control of a child seventeen years of age may consent to such child's withdrawal from school.~~ Students under age eighteen are subject to mandatory attendance laws unless they are at least seventeen and their parent/guardian, or other person having guardianship of the child, consents to such child's removal from school. The parent or person shall exercise this option by personally appearing at the school to sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an attestation from a school counselor or school administrator of the school that the district has provided the parent or person with information on the educational options available in the school system and in the community. If a child is eighteen years of age or older, he/she is not required to attend school.

The enrollment process shall be focused on obtaining only the information deemed necessary to establish residency and age. The District shall not request other information as a condition of enrollment or state in its policies or on its websites or otherwise, that other information is required to enroll children. The District shall immediately enroll a homeless child and allow such student to attend school even if the student is unable to produced records normally required for enrollment. Additional data collection may occur, but it must be complete in such a manner that does not interfere with the enrollment of a child in school.

The District, when determining residency, shall not request documentation of citizenship or immigration status of a child or the child's parents/guardians. The Board believes such documentation is not relevant to establishing residency.

In the establishment of residency, the Board will accept such documentation as, but not limited to, a lease agreement, mortgage document, property tax record rent receipt, home owners insurance, rental insurance, current utility bill, current proff of government benefits, CT driver's license, automobile registration or insurance. An Affidavit of Residence, properly executed, shall also be acceptable.

The parent or person having legal guardianship of a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of age by December 31st of any school year. The parent or person having legal guardianship of a child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age by

December 31st of any school year. The parent or person having legal guardianship shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing an option form. The district shall

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provide the parent or person having legal guardianship with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system.

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The above requirements are not to serve as barriers to immediate enrollment of students, designated as homeless or foster children as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by the ESSA. The District shall work with the local child welfare agency, the school last attended, or other relevant agencies to obtain necessary enrollment documentation. The District shall immediately enroll a homeless student and allow such student to attend school even if the student is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment.

The parent/guardian of any child who is denied admission to school, or an emancipated minor, a student eighteen years of age or older, a homeless child or youth, or an unaccompanied youth who is denied schooling, or an agent or officer charged with the enforcement of attendance laws may request, in writing, a hearing by the Board of Education. Such hearing may be conducted by the entire Board of Education, or by a subcommittee of three Board members, or by a local impartial hearing Board of one or more persons not members of the Board of Education.

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Children who have attained the age of seventeen and who have voluntarily terminated enrollment in the district's schools and subsequently seek readmission may be denied readmission for up to ninety school days from the date of such termination, unless such child seeks readmission to the District not later than ten (10) school days after such termination in which case the Board shall provide school accommodations to such child not later than three school days after such child seeks readmission.

Early Admission

Parents/guardians must make a formal request for early admission no later than June 1 of the calendar year in which the child would be admitted to the school. Since research on early admission to kindergarten has demonstrated that it is a "high risk" decision, only those children who have attained their fourth birthday between January 1st and June 30th will be considered for early admission. The student being considered for early admission must exhibit evidence of

advanced (typically two standard deviations above the mean) intelligence and adaptive behavior from a standardized assessment administered in the district.

Such testing shall guide the Superintendent or his/her designee in the acceptance or rejection of the request. The programmatic decision of the Superintendent or his/her designee in such instances shall be final.

Provisions for Special Education

According to Connecticut General Statute 1-76d(b2), special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three and who have been identified as being in need of special education, and whose educational potential will be irreparably diminished without special education. If a special education student is being considered for an exception, the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) will make a recommendation to the administrator in charge of special education.

Alternative School Placement

Children who have attained the age of nineteen or older may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program if they cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one.



[\(cf. 5111 – Admission Placement\)](#)
(cf. 5118.1 – Homeless Students)
(cf. 5118.3 – Children in Foster Care)
[\(cf. 5112 – Ages of Attendance\)](#)
[\(cf. 6146 – Graduation Requirements\)](#)

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10-233c Suspension of pupils.

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10-261 Definitions.

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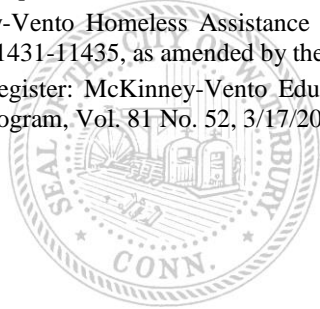
10-76d-7 Admission of student requiring special education (referral)

10-204a Required immunizations (as amended by PA 98-243)

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Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco (including Performance Enhancing Substances)

Pursuant to the goal of the Board of Education (Board) to maintain a drug, tobacco and alcohol-free school district, schools shall take positive action through education, counseling, parental involvement, and medical and police referral in handling incidents in the schools involving possession, sale, and/or use of behavior affecting substances. These substances shall include but not be limited to alcohol and controlled substances as defined in the Penal Code of the State of Connecticut.

Alcohol, tobacco, stimulants, street drugs, including but not limited to marijuana, heroin and cocaine; anabolic steroids, hormones and analogues, diuretics and other performance enhancing substances; including supplements and Creatine, are addressed by this policy and accompanying administrative regulations.

Possessing, using, or transmitting any substance which is represented to be or looks like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind, including such substances that contain chemicals which produce the same effect of illegal substances including but not limited to Spice and K2 and bath salts are addressed by this policy.

Definitions

Drugs are defined as any substance other than food or water that is intended to be taken or administered (ingested, injected, applied, implanted, inhaled, etc.) for the purpose of altering, sustaining, or controlling the recipient's physical, mental, or emotional state. Drugs may include, but not be limited to, alcoholic beverages; controlled substances such as marijuana, hallucinogens, cocaine, barbiturates, amphetamines, narcotics; and non-authorized prescription drugs.

Controlled substances, for purposes of this policy shall include all controlled substances prohibited by federal and state law, look-alike drugs, alcoholic beverages, anabolic steroids, drug paraphernalia, any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products, and prescription or patent drugs, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy.

Under the influence, for purposes of this policy shall include any consumption or ingestion of controlled substances by a student.

Electronic nicotine delivery system means an electronic device that may be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or other substance to a person inhaling from the device, and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device.

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Liquid nicotine container means a container that holds a liquid substance containing nicotine that is sold, marketed or intended for use in an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product, except “liquid nicotine container” does not include such a container that is prefilled and sealed by the manufacturer and not intended to be opened by the consumer.

Vapor product means any product that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that may or may not include nicotine that is inhaled by the user of such product.

CBD, for purposes of this policy, is defined under federal law as a cannabis product with less than 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on a dry weight basis. It is also referred to as hemp. (Nonprescription CBD products that are available have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for any use.)

Privacy Rights

Personal privacy rights of students shall be protected as provided by law. School properties may be inspected by school authorities to maintain health and safety. Searches to locate drugs, narcotics, liquor, weapons, poisons, and missing properties are matters relating to health and safety and may be regarded as reasonable grounds for searches by school personnel. Privileged communication between a certified or paraprofessional employee and a student concerning drug abuse shall remain confidential except in cases where the employee is obtaining physical evidence of a controlled substance, and/or where there is an immediate threat to, or where students’ health, safety, and welfare may be jeopardized.

Illegal Activities

Use, possession, sale or distribution of drugs, including prescription drugs, drug paraphernalia and/or alcoholic beverages in violation of state law or Board of Education policy is prohibited at any time on school premises or at any school-sponsored activity. If a student is under the influence of a drug or alcohol, or engaged in the illegal activity of possessing or selling drugs and/or alcohol, the police will be notified, his/her parent(s)/guardian will be contacted, he/she will be suspended from school, referred to a Student Support Team, and considered for expulsion. In cases of the illegal activity of possessing or selling drugs or alcohol, students will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement authorities. If a student is arrested and is awaiting trial for possession of, or possession of with intent to sell drugs in or on school property or at a school-sponsored event, the student will not be allowed to attend school without the permission of the Superintendent, per the guidelines set forth in Policy #5114.

Notification of Policy

Annually, students will be notified through the student handbook, or through other means, of disciplinary sanctions for violation of this policy.

Principals shall include statements, appropriate to student maturity, in school handbooks and on District/school websites to the effect that:



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1. the unlawful manufacture, distribution, sale, dispensing, possession or use of controlled substances, other illegal drugs, performance-enhancing substances, alcohol or tobacco, including electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products, is prohibited in school, on school grounds, on school transportation and at school sponsored activities;
2. compliance with the standards of conduct stated in the handbook is mandatory;
3. a violation of its provisions will subject students to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution;
4. CIAC controlled activities at the high school and middle school levels sponsored by the District/school are included in this policy and accompanying administrative regulations; and
5. CIAC may impose sanctions beyond those applied by the District for the use of performance-enhancing substances, as defined in this policy, by athletes.

Disciplinary Action

Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action which includes, but is not limited to, suspension or expulsion, and/or a program recommended by the Student Support Team. Student athletes who violate this policy, participating in CIAC-controlled activities shall also be declared ineligible for such activities in accordance with CIAC policy and regulation. Any disciplinary actions imposed will ensure that similar violations will be treated consistently. The Superintendent shall propose and the Board of Education shall approve procedures and regulations to ensure that any student violating this policy is subjected to disciplinary action, and that any disciplinary actions imposed for similar violations are treated consistently.

The following guidelines for reporting alleged violations are to be followed:

1. If an employee suspects student possession, use, abuse, distribution or sale of controlled substances, other illegal drugs, performance-enhancing drugs, alcohol, or tobacco/tobacco products the employee shall refer the matter to the Principal or his/her designee. The Principal or designee will notify the student's parent/guardian, recommend a specific assessment, as appropriate, and contact law enforcement personnel as appropriate.
2. If an employee obtains physical evidence of a controlled substance, other illegal drug, drug paraphernalia, performance-enhancing drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia from a student in school, on school grounds, on school provided transportation or at a school sponsored event, the employee shall turn the student and the controlled substance over to the school principal or designee. The Principal will notify the student's parent/guardian, recommend a specified assessment as appropriate, notify law enforcement personnel and shall surrender possession of the controlled substance to the proper authorities within the time period required by state law.

Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco (including Performance Enhancing Substances, continued)**Drug-Free Awareness Program**

The Superintendent shall assure that the school District provides a drug-free awareness program for students including the following topics:

- health and safety-related dangers of drug abuse;
- review of the Board of Education's policy of maintaining drug-free schools;
- notification of the availability of drug counseling and rehabilitation programs; and
- official penalties for drug abuse violations in schools.

Drugs and Alcohol

It is the policy of the Board to prevent and prohibit the use (except as duly authorized through the school nurse), possession, distribution or sale of any drug, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol by any student at any time on school property, at school-sponsored events or on school-provided transportation. The District provides (1) a supportive environment for recovering chemically dependent students during and/or after their involvement in a treatment program for chemical dependency; and will provide (2) assistance to those students who are affected by drug/alcohol possession or use by others. Any student in District schools found to be using, selling, distributing, in possession of or under the influence of intoxicants, mood altering drugs or substances, or look-alike drugs, or in possession of any related drug paraphernalia during a school session, on school premises, or anywhere at a school-sponsored activity or trip, on school-provided transportation, or otherwise off school grounds when such student's conduct violates the substance abuse policy and is seriously disruptive of the educational process shall be subject to consequences as stated in the student handbook.

A breath alcohol tester is approved for use at events/activities such as dances and proms at the middle school and high school levels where, in the judgment of the school administrator, there exists reasonable suspicion that a student has consumed an alcoholic beverage and then, only under the following circumstances:

- The student denies to an administrator that he/she has consumed alcoholic beverages and wishes to establish his/her innocence. Should the student register a positive reading on the breath alcohol tester, consequences will be administered as outlined in the discipline/behavior regulations in the Code of Conduct.
- The student denies to an administrator that he/she has consumed alcoholic beverages and elects not to utilize the breath alcohol tester to establish his/her innocence. The judgment of the administrator will then be utilized to determine if the student has consumed an alcoholic beverage. In this instance, consequences will be administered as outlined in the discipline/behavior regulations in the Code of Conduct.

Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco (including Performance Enhancing Substances, continued)**Inhalant Abuse**

In addition to the prohibitions pertaining to alcohol, drugs and tobacco contained in this policy, no student shall inhale, ingest, apply, use or possess an abusable glue, aerosol paint or substance containing a volatile chemical with intent to inhale, ingest, apply or use any of these in a manner:

1. Contrary to directions for use, cautions or warnings appearing on a label of a container of the glue, paint aerosol or substance; and
2. Designed to affect the central nervous system, create or induce a condition of intoxication, hallucination or elation, or change, distort, or disturb the person's eyesight, thinking process, balance or coordination.

For purposes of this policy, inhalants are defined as follows, but not limited to:

Nitrous Oxide – Laughing Gas, Whippets, CO₂ Cartridge
Amyl Nitrite – “Locker Room,” “Rush,” “Poppers,” “Snappers”
Butyl Nitrite – “Bullet,” “Climax”
Chlorohydrocarbons – Aerosol Paint Cans, Cleaning Fluids
Hydrocarbons – Aerosol Propellants, Gasoline, Glue, Butane

Further, no student, 18 years of age or older, shall intentionally, knowingly or recklessly deliver or sell potentially abusable inhalant materials as listed above to a minor student.

No student shall intentionally use or possess with intent to use inhalant paraphernalia to inhale, ingest, or otherwise introduce into the body an abusable glue, aerosol paint or substance or other substance that contains a volatile chemical.

Any student in the District schools found to be in possession of, using, distributing, or selling potentially abusable inhalant materials shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in this policy, up to and including suspension and a recommendation for expulsion. Violators of this policy may also be required to complete an appropriate rehabilitation program. The Superintendent shall propose and the Board of Education shall approve procedures and regulations to ensure that any student violating this policy is subjected to disciplinary action, and that any disciplinary actions imposed for similar violations are treated consistently.

The Board of Education shall incorporate into the curriculum at all levels education pertaining to potential inhalant abuse which is appropriate for students given their age, maturity, and grade level. Inhalant abuse educational programs/information for parents/guardians will be offered in a manner convenient to parents/guardians.

Performance-Enhancing Drugs (including food supplement)

In addition to the prohibition pertaining to alcohol, drugs, tobacco and inhalants, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, distribution or sale of performance-enhancing drugs,



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including anabolic steroids and food supplements, including Creatine, by students involved in school-related athletics or any co-curricular or extracurricular school activity/program, other than use for a valid medical purpose as documented by a physician. Bodybuilding and enhancement of athletic ability and performance are not considered valid medical purposes.

School personnel and coaches will not dispense any drugs, medication or food supplements except as in compliance with Connecticut State law, District policy and as prescribed by a student's physician, dentist, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

Students shall be made aware of the dangers of steroid abuse and that such abuse, unauthorized possession, purchase, or sale will subject them to disciplinary action and CIAC sanctions.

Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. The Superintendent shall propose, and the Board of Education shall approve, procedures and regulations to ensure that any student violating this section is subjected to disciplinary action, and that any disciplinary actions imposed for similar violations are treated consistently.

It is the expectation of the Board that District schools, as members of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Association (CIAC), require all athletes playing in CIAC-controlled sports to be chemical free.

Tobacco/E-Cigarette Use by Students

There shall be no smoking or any other unauthorized use or possession of tobacco, tobacco products, including chewing tobacco or tobacco paraphernalia, and electronic nicotine delivery systems or vapor products by students in any school building or school vehicle at any time or on any school grounds during the school day, or at any time when the student is subject to the supervision of designated school personnel. Such as when the student is at any school function, extracurricular event, field trip, or school related activity such as a work-study program.

For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, blunts, bidis, pipes, chewing tobacco, or any other substance that contains tobacco or nicotine, and all other forms of smokeless tobacco, rolling papers and any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery systems or vapor product. In order to protect students and staff, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco or nicotine-based products in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at any school-related event.

Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. The Superintendent shall propose and the Board of Education shall approve procedures and regulations to ensure that any student violating this policy is subjected to disciplinary action, and that any disciplinary actions imposed for similar actions are treated consistently.

Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco (including Performance Enhancing Substances, continued)**Medical Marijuana**

The conditions which follow are applicable to a District student who holds a certificate authorizing the palliative use of marijuana issued by the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) for the medical use of marijuana as set out in P.A. 12-55, “An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana” and as amended by P.A. 16-23.

The District will not refuse to enroll a student or otherwise penalize a student for being a medical marijuana certificate holder unless failure to do so would cause the school to lose a monetary or licensing benefit under federal law or regulations.

A student medical marijuana certificate holder is subject to, without bias, the same code of conduct and disciplinary standards applicable to all students attending District schools.

A student medical marijuana certificate holder shall not:

- Undertake any task under the influence of marijuana that would constitute negligence;
- Possess or engage in the medical use of marijuana
 - On a school bus,
 - On the grounds of any preschool, elementary or secondary school,
 - Utilize marijuana in any form on public transportation or in any public place;
- Operate, navigate, or be in actual physical control of any motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana, except that a qualifying certified marijuana user for medical purposes shall not be considered to be under the influence of marijuana solely because of the presence of metabolites or components of marijuana that appear in insufficient concentration to cause impairment;
- Use marijuana in any manner not authorized by P.A. 12-55; as amended by P.A. 16-23.
- Offer to give, sell, or dispense medical marijuana to another student or other individual on school property, in school-provided vehicles, at school events, or when functioning as a representative of the school.

If District officials have reasonable belief that a student may be under the influence, in possession of, or distributing medical marijuana, in a manner not authorized by the medical marijuana statute, law enforcement authorities will be informed.

A student who violates any portion of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and applicable criminal prosecution.

Although possession and use of marijuana for certain medical conditions, consistent with Connecticut’s P.A. 12-55, “An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana,” as amended by P.A. 16-23, is no longer a crime in Connecticut, the possession and use of marijuana remains illegal under federal law. Consistent with federal law, including the Controlled Substances Act and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, the use and or possession of marijuana continues to be prohibited while a student is on a school bus, at school, on school grounds or at

a school-sponsored activity. The District will continue to enforce its policies regarding controlled



Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco (including Performance Enhancing Substances, continued)

substances and any students who violate District policy prohibiting the use, sale or possession of illegal drugs in District facilities and school property will be subject to disciplinary and criminal action.

Use of CBD Products

Students are prohibited from possessing, using, selling, delivering, manufacturing, or being under the influence of any substance containing cannibidol (CBD) or tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), regardless of whether it constitutes a controlled substance under federal law.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-21b Smoking prohibited in certain places.
 10-19 Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Training of personnel.
 10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student. Surrender or physical evidence obtained from students.
 10-220b Policy statement on drugs.
 10-221(d) Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures re sale or possession of alcohol or controlled drugs.
 21a-240 Definitions dependency producing drugs.
 21a -240(8) Definitions "Controlled Drugs," dependency producing drugs.
 21a-240(9) Definitions "controlled substance."
 21a-243 Regulation re schedules of controlled substances.
 21a-408 et. seq. Palliative Uses of Marijuana (as amended by P.A. 16-23)
 53-198 Smoking in motor buses, railroad cars and school buses.
 P.A. 11-73 An Act Regulating the Sale and Possession of Synthetic Marijuana and Salvia Divinorum.
 P.A. 12-55 An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana.
 P.A. 16-23 An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana.
 P.A. 14-76 An Act Concerning the Governor's Recommendations Regarding Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Youth Smoking Prevention.
 P.A. 15-206 An Act Regulating Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products
 Federal Regulation 34 CFR Part 85 Drug-free Schools & Communities Act.
 P.L. 114-95 Every Student Succeeds Act, Section 8573
 20 U.S.C. Section 7181 et. seq., No Child Left Behind Act.
 Synthetic Drug Abuse Prevention Act of 2012. (part of s.3187, the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act)
New Jersey v. T.L.O., 469 U.S. 325 (1985).
Veronia School District 47J v. Acton, 515 U.S. 646. (1995)
Board of Education of Independent School District No 92 of Pottawatomie County v. Earls 01-332 U.S. (2002).

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Individual Committee Meetings January 1, 2018 to present

Date	Committee	Reason
February 15, 2018	Ad-hoc on Engagement	Misc.
March 29, 2018	Ad-hoc on...Engagement	Misc.
May 17, 2018	Ad-hoc on...Engagement	Misc.
January 18, 2018	Building	W. Cross Update
February 28, 2018	Building	Elevator projects
October 18, 2018	Building & SF	Elevators, W. Cross, Playgrounds
May 9, 2019	Building & SF	W. Cross Project
May 30, 2019	Building & SF	Newfield Contract
August 22, 2019	Building & SF	W. Cross, misc.
November 7, 2019	Building & SF	W. Cross, misc.
January 2, 2020	Building & SF	W. Cross, misc.
April 9, 2020	Building & SF	W. Cross Misc.
June 18, 2020	Building & SF	W. Cross Misc.
July 16, 2020	Building & SF	W. Cross Project
September 30, 2020	Building & SF	St. Peter and Paul
October 15, 2020	Building & SF	W. Cross Change orders
February 6, 2018	Curriculum	Student Assessment Results; Tech Plan
May 9, 2018	Curriculum	Science and ELA
September 13, 2018	Curriculum	Science and ELA
March 5, 2019	Curriculum	SS update, Banking, Computer Science
July 10, 2019	Curriculum	Various curriculums
January 28, 2020	Curriculum	Misc. curriculums
June 3, 2020	Curriculum	Math items
July 1, 2020	Curriculum	Technology/College/Career items
July 14, 2020	Curriculum	Various new courses
February 5, 2018	Finance	Budget, class sizes
February 27, 2018	Finance	Budget
March 14, 2018	Finance	Budget
May 7, 2018	Finance	Alliance and budget
June 15, 2018	Finance	Carl Perkins grant
January 24, 2019	Finance	2019/2020 Budget
February 28, 2019	Finance	2019/20 Budget
May 22, 2019	Finance	2019/20 Budget
January 29, 2020	Finance	
February 20, 2020	Finance	Budget
June 2, 2020	Finance	Budget
September 30, 2020	Finance	Transfer for SS PP
March 29, 2018	Grievance	WTA grievances
June 5, 2018	Grievance	WTA

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February 26, 2019	Grievance	WTA Grievances
May 7, 2019	Grievance	WTA Grievances
June 10, 2019	Grievance	WTA grievances
January 25, 2018	Legislation	Upcoming Legislative Breakfast
July 26, 2018	Legislation	Resolution to CABE
January 25, 2018	Policy	Various
February 7, 2018	Policy	CANCELLED – WEATHER
March 14, 2018	Policy	CANCELLED – NEEDED FINANCE PER LIZ
May 10, 2018	Policy	Misc.
July 18, 2018	Policy	Misc.
August 16, 2018	Policy	Misc.
January 31, 2019	Policy	Various policies
February 21, 2019	Policy	Student reps
March 28, 2019	Policy & Leg	Discipline, Weapons, Student reps
July 25, 2019	Policy & Leg	Various policies
May 6, 2020	Policy & Leg	Grading policy
November 7, 2018	Policy & Leg.	Marijuana/Drug policy with Legal
November 29, 2018	Policy & Leg.	Misc.
October 10, 2019	Policy & Leg.	Various policies
February 13, 2020	Policy & Leg.	Various policies
September 9, 2020	Policy & Leg	COVID grading
September 24, 2020	Policy & Leg	Misc.
March 12, 2020	Policy & Leg.	Various policies
January 16, 2018	School Personnel	Talent and Recruitment Goals Minority Hiring
February 15, 2018	School Personnel	Job specs
April 11, 2018	School Personnel	Job specs
April 24, 2018	School Personnel	Info on supt. Evaluations
May 14, 2018	School Personnel	Job descriptions
August 15, 2018	School Personnel	Asst. Supt. Job Specs
September 18, 2018	School Personnel	Various job descriptions from Supt.
August 18, 2020	School Personnel	Job spec for Director of College & Career Readiness