

STUDENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL OFFENSES

Background

The Mt. Lebanon School District has long been committed to the maintenance of an academic environment free from all forms of drug and alcohol use and has prescribed various educational and counseling programs and disciplinary action to implement achievement of this goal.

Objective

It is the objective of this policy to provide for an educational environment free from all forms of drug and alcohol use and to communicate to students and the community the serious penalties that will result from violations of this policy.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of School Directors that:

1. No student shall distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage or fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor, nor distribute, dispense, possess, use, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, other intoxicant or substance causing a hallucinogenic or toxic effect, designer drugs, look-alikes, drug paraphernalia, anabolic steroid or any other controlled substance, as defined in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 812) and further defined by regulations at 21 C.F.R. Parts 1308.11 through 1308.15, or as defined in The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act (35 P.S. §780-101), the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act (71 P.S. §1690.101), (collectively "the Acts") or any regulations relating to the Acts, or any successor statutes or regulations, at any time while under the jurisdiction of the District, including before, during or after school hours (including time necessarily spent traveling to and returning from school), at school, or at any other school district location as defined herein. Possession or use of any drug or controlled substance by a student for a valid, legal medical purpose must comply with the requirements and procedures established by the District for administering medications to students.
2. The prohibitions contained in Paragraph 1 above shall apply to non-controlled substances containing phenylpropanolamine, pseudoephedrine, ephedrine, chemical or glue solvents, or products containing chemical or glue solvents, aerosol carcinogens or any other non-controlled substance that has or is represented to have a stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect on humans.
3. A student who violates the terms of this policy may be disciplined, suspended or expelled from school in accordance with prescribed school policies, guidelines and regulations applicable to student offenses.

4. In addition to all other prescribed disciplinary action by the District, a student who violates the terms of this policy may be required to undergo a drug and alcohol evaluation/assessment by a licensed drug and alcohol treatment provider, a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor or an appropriate medical professional, which shall not be at the District's expense, as a condition of returning from a suspension or expulsion for violation of this policy. If such student fails to satisfactorily participate in such an evaluation/assessment, the student may be suspended or expelled from school.

Definitions

"School District location" means and includes any school building or any school premises; any school-owned vehicle or any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school related activities; off school property at any school-sponsored, school-related or school-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event or wherever/whenever students are under the jurisdiction of the District.

"Distribution" means delivering, selling, soliciting, passing, sharing, giving, transferring, offering, soliciting or procuring any substance prohibited by this policy, and/or attempting to do any of the foregoing.

"Drug Paraphernalia" means all equipment, products and material of any kind which are used, intended for use or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injection, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing to the human body any substance prohibited by the Acts.

Administration Responsibilities

It shall be the responsibility of the Administration to disseminate and communicate this policy so that students will recognize the serious penalties that will result from violation of this policy, to implement and enforce this policy, and to develop Administrative Procedures for implementation and enforcement where necessary.

Communication

This policy shall be communicated to:

1. All Mt. Lebanon School District Students
2. All District Staff
3. The Mt. Lebanon Community

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