

GUIDELINES FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION  
ILLEGAL DRUGS / ALCOHOL

- I. Any student who, while on school property or in reasonable proximity thereto, or at a school-sponsored activity or event, (a) illegally uses, possesses, sells or is under the influence of drugs, alcohol, controlled or mood altering substances; (b) illegally uses, possesses, sells, delivers or is under the influence of medication which is not prescribed for his/her use by a licensed doctor; or (c) illegally uses, possesses, sells or gives to another drug paraphernalia will be disciplined. (Such discipline may include participation in intervention activities, referral to a law enforcement agency, and/or suspension or expulsion from school.)

A. DEFINITIONS

1. **Illegal Substance:** Any drug, alcohol, controlled or mood altering substance (as defined in RCW 69.50), or medication which is not prescribed for the student's use by a licensed medical practitioner per the district's medication policy.
2. **Drug Paraphernalia:** Any item, implement, object, or material employed in the use, possession, transport, or sale of any controlled or mood altering substance as defined in RCW 69.50 and school district policy.
3. **School Property:** Any school site, facility, building, vehicle, conveyance, or accommodation which is owned, leased, rented, or borrowed in conjunction with any school district activity, event, or function. Such definition includes any location or property over which the district has authority or control and specifically includes facilities, activities or events at which Ferndale students are performers, competitors, or spectators, and any location, public or private, in which Ferndale students are attending as representatives of the Ferndale School District.

B. CONDITIONS AND LIMITATION

1. **General**
  - a. A violation exists when a Ferndale School District student, while on school property, or in reasonable proximity thereto, or at any school-sponsored activity or event:

- i. Is under the influence of any illegal substance, or
- ii. Uses any illegal substance, or
- iii. Possesses any illegal substance, its container, or drug paraphernalia on his/her person, in his/her locker, vehicle, or other property, or
- iv. Attempts to sell or give to another person any illegal substance or drug paraphernalia, or
- v. Attempts to possess, or attempts to persuade another student to possess, use, or seek out a source of purchase of any illegal substance or drug paraphernalia.

2. Conduct at Off-Campus, School-Sponsored Events

Students are subject to the policies governing the use/abuse of alcohol, drugs, controlled or mood altering substances while in attendance at or participating in off-campus, evening, and weekend school-sponsored events.

3. Investigation

In any case where a school employee has reasonable suspicion that a violation has occurred, the school administrator and/or other appropriate authority will be involved in consultative and investigative roles.

C. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

1. The principal or his/her designee will determine to the best of his/her ability that the student is, or is believed to be, in violation of the rules pertaining to illegal substances.
2. The principal will implement the following:
  - a. Remove the student from further contact with other students and place him/her under the continuous supervision of a responsible adult staff member;

- b. Notify the parents / guardians prior to providing the required written notice and request that they provide necessary medical attention for the student. If the parent is not available or staff deem such advisable, appropriate medical procedures will be followed;
- c. Follow the procedures as outlined for Emergency Expulsion (Section I-C) as appropriate.
- d. Report the violation to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, if appropriate.

D. POSSIBLE SANCTIONS FOR ANY TYPE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE OR PARAPHERNALIA ACTIVITY

- 1.. Parent and student conference with administrator. CARE Team representative is optional.
- 2. An assessment to be completed by an outside agency (at student's expense).
- 3. Short-term suspension from one (1) to ten (10) days.
- 4. Long-term suspension from eleven (11) days to the end of the semester. The student cannot lose more than a semester of academic grades or credits.
- 5. Recommendation to the superintendent of expulsion from the Ferndale School District.
- 6. Other as deemed appropriate by administrator.