

**413.01 CHEMICAL USE AND ABUSE**

**I. PURPOSE**

Saint Paul Public Schools recognizes that chemical use and abuse constitutes a grave threat to the physical and mental well-being of students and employees and significantly impedes the learning process. We believe that the public school has a role in education, intervention, and prevention of chemical use and abuse. The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in its goal to prevent chemical use and abuse.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. Use or possession of controlled substances, toxic substances, cannabis, and alcohol before, during, or after school hours, at school or in any other school location, is prohibited in accordance with school district policies with respect to a Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School.
- B. The school district shall develop, implement, and evaluate comprehensive programs and activities that foster safe, healthy, supportive, and drug-free environments that support student academic achievement.
- C. Every school that participates in a school district chemical abuse program shall establish a chemical abuse pre-assessment team. The team is responsible for addressing reports of chemical abuse problems and making recommendations for appropriate responses to the individual reported cases.
- D. The school district shall establish a drug-free awareness program for its employees.

**III. DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Chemical abuse" means use of any psychoactive or mood-altering chemical substance, without compelling medical reason, in a manner that induces mental, emotional or physical impairment and causes socially dysfunctional or socially disordering behavior, to the extent that the student's normal function in academic, school, or social activities is chronically impaired.
- B. "Controlled substances," as applied to the chemical abuse assessment of students, means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedules I through V of Minnesota Statutes section 152.02 and "marijuana" as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 152.01, subdivision 9 but not distilled spirits, wine,

malt beverages, intoxicating liquors or tobacco. As otherwise defined in this policy, “controlled substances” include narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, anabolic steroids, or any other controlled substance as defined in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 United States Code section 812, including analogues and look-alike drugs.

- C. “Drug prevention” means prevention, early intervention, rehabilitation referral, recovery support services, or education related to the illegal use of drugs, such as raising awareness about the consequences of drug use that are evidence based.

**LEGAL REFERENCES:**

Minn. Stat. § 121A.25-121A.29 (Chemical Abuse)  
Minn. Stat. § 152.02 (Schedules of Controlled Substances; Administration of Chapter)  
Minn. Stat. § 152.22 (Definitions; Medical Cannabis)  
Minn. Stat. § 152.23 (Limitations; Medical Cannabis)  
20 U.S.C. § 5812 (National Education Goals)  
20 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7165 (Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities)  
34 C.F.R. Part 84 (Government-Wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace)  
41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106 (Drug-Free Workplace Act)  
34 C.F.R. Part 84 (Government-Wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace)

**CROSS REFERENCES:**

413.00, Drug-Free Workplace  
504.00, Drug-Free Schools  
516.00, Students – Medications/Medical Procedures