

## BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug (TAOD) Policy for Students

The Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Policy aligns with our district's mission and vision, "*We care about the welfare of our students!*" Medical research substantiates that the use of alcohol and mood modifying substances produces harmful effects on the human body that will compromise a student's ability to perform to full potential. Students who experiment with such substances jeopardize program morale, reputation and success. They also risk injury to others, while potentially endangering their health. To that end, the Bristol Warren Regional School District has established a Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drug Policy to provide, encourage and support a tobacco, alcohol, and other drug free school environment for its students.

The purpose of the Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drug Policy is to:

- 1) Prohibit the use, possession, transfer, sale, solicitation or attempt to transfer, sell or solicit tobacco, alcohol, and/or a controlled substance\*\*; or being under the influence of alcohol, and/or a controlled substance\*\*.
- 2) Clearly state that tobacco, alcohol and/or controlled substances\*\* will not be tolerated in the schools, or on school property, or at school sponsored activities.
- 3) Protect the academic environment for those students who wish to learn.
- 4) Deal compassionately and effectively with students who suffer from substance abuse.
- 5) Involve the total community in confronting the problem.
- 6) Promote positive supports for healthy behaviors.

General Procedures to follow when a student may be in violation of the TAOD Policy:

1. Students in violation of the TAOD Policy will be referred to the principal or designee.
2. If the student appears to be in need of medical attention, the school nurse will be consulted and asked to evaluate the student's health condition. In those cases where the school nurse has been consulted, the principal or his/her designee will review the school nurse's evaluation and will make the final judgment regarding the extent of the student's drug/alcohol intoxication. If further evaluation is needed or if it is determined that the student shows signs of possible overdose (incoherent, semi-conscious) the Bristol or Warren Rescue Squad will be called immediately by the principal or his/her designee.
3. The parent or guardian will be notified and asked to come to the school in each of the above instances.
4. The principal shall delegate individuals in each school to act as liaison to those students and parents in need of further assistance. This individual will coordinate the student's referral to education and/or treatment.
5. The student will be suspended. As indicated below. The parent/guardian will be informed of the student's suspension.
6. All TAOD incidents will be recorded cumulatively on the student's disciplinary file by the appropriate administrator.
7. In cases involving illegal substances, police will be notified.

## SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES BY STUDENTS

### TOBACCO

In accordance with Rhode Island Law 92-230, the Smoking Restrictions in Schools Act, the use and/or possession of tobacco and all tobacco products including electronic cigarettes or similar devices is prohibited on school property. School property shall include but not be limited to all buildings, grounds and facilities, including school sponsored events, which are under jurisdiction of the School Committee.

Smoking cessation programs will be offered to students.

### STUDENT PENALTIES

#### I. Use, Possession\* or Transfer of Tobacco Products

##### First Offense:

- A. The student will be assigned 4 hours of detention and will be assigned social suspension until this obligation is met..
- B. The Principal or designee will attempt to contact by telephone the student's parent/guardian, and a First Class prepaid letter will be sent to the student's residence.
- C. -The student will be referred to the Student Assistance Counselor.

##### Second Offense:

- A. The student will receive up to a 3 day Out of School Suspension (OSS) or Extended Day Support (EDS) suspension.
- B. The Principal or designee will attempt to contact by telephone the student's parent/guardian and a First Class prepaid letter will be sent to the student's residence.
- C. The student will be referred to the Student Assistance Counselor.

##### Third and Subsequent Offenses:

- A. The student will receive up to a 5 day OSS/EDS suspension.
- B. The Principal or designee will attempt to contact by telephone the student's parent/guardian and a First Class prepaid letter will be sent to the student's residence.

### Use of AOD by Students

#### II. Possession\* or Being Under the Influence of ALCOHOL

##### First Offense:

- A. The student will be suspended out-of-school for up to ten (10) school days and will receive up to ten (10) weeks of social suspension. The Bristol or Warren Police Department will be asked to assist the Principal or designee in investigating all cases involving alcohol.
- B. The Principal or designee will attempt to immediately contact by telephone the student's parent/guardian and a First Class prepaid letter will be sent to the student's residence.

- C. The student will be referred to the Student Assistance Counselor.

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Second Offense:

- A. The student will be suspended out-of-school for up to ten (10) school days and will receive up to ten (10) weeks of social suspension. The Bristol or Warren Police Department will be asked to assist the Principal or designee in investigating all cases involving alcohol.
- B. The Principal or designee will attempt to immediately contact by telephone the student's parent/guardian and a First Class prepaid letter will be sent to the student's residence.
- C. The student will be referred to the Student Assistance Counselor.
- D. The student will be referred to the Superintendent for possible additional suspension.

Third Offense:

- A. The student will be suspended out-of-school for up to ten (10) school days and will receive up to ten (10) weeks of social suspension. The Bristol or Warren Police Department will be asked to assist the Principal or designee in investigating all cases involving alcohol.
- B. The Principal or designee will attempt to contact by telephone the student's parent/guardian
- C. A First-Class prepaid letter and/or a Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested – Restricted Delivery letter will be mailed to the student's home address requiring the parent/guardian to contact the Superintendent of Schools to schedule a hearing. The Superintendent may make a recommendation to suspend the student up to one-hundred and eighty (180) school days which will require a school committee hearing. The student will not be eligible to participate in and/or attend any athletic events or extracurricular activities, including driver education for up to one-hundred and eighty (180) school days.

III. Possession or being under the influence of a controlled substance\*\* and/or other drug

First Offense:

- A. The student will be suspended out of school for up to ten (10) school days and will receive up to ten (10) weeks of social suspension. The Bristol or Warren Police Department will be asked to assist the principal or designee in investigating all cases involving controlled substances and/or other drugs.
- B. The principal or designee will attempt to immediately contact by telephone the student's parent/guardian and a First Class prepaid letter will be sent to the student's residence.
- C. The student will be referred to the Student Assistance Counselor.

Second Offense:

- A. The student will be suspended out of school for up to ten (10) school days and will receive up to ten (10) weeks of social suspension. The Bristol or Warren Police Department will be asked to assist the Principal or designee in investigating all cases involving controlled substance and/or other drugs.
- B. The principal or designee will attempt to immediately contact by telephone the student's parent/guardian.

- C. A First-Class prepaid letter and/or a Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested – Restricted Delivery letter will be mailed to the student’s home address requiring the parent/guardian to contact the Superintendent of Schools to schedule a hearing. The Superintendent may make a recommendation to suspend the student up to one-hundred and eighty (180) school days which will require a school committee hearing. The student will not be eligible to participate in and/or attend any athletic events or extracurricular activities for up to one- hundred and eighty (180) school days.
- IV. Sale, solicitation, transfer, or attempted sale, transfer, solicitation of a controlled substance and/or other drug to another person.

First Offense:

- A. The student will be suspended out-of-school for up to ten (10) school days and will receive up to ten (10) weeks of social suspension. The Bristol or Warren Police Department will be asked to assist the Principal or designee in investigating all such incidents.
- B. The principal or designee will attempt to immediately contact by telephone the student’s parent/guardian and a First Class prepaid letter will be sent to the student’s residence.
- C. A First-Class prepaid letter and/or a Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested – Restricted Delivery letter will be mailed to the student’s home address requiring the parent/guardian to meet with the Superintendent of Schools to schedule a hearing before the School Committee where lengthening of suspension up to one-hundred and eighty (180) school days will be considered. Counseling services by the Student Assistance Counselor will be mandatory. The student will not be eligible to participate in and/or attend any athletic events or extracurricular activities, including driver education, for up to one-hundred and eighty (180) school days.
- D. The student will be referred to the Student Assistance Counselor.

Second Offense (Transfer of Controlled Substance)\*\*\*:

The student will be automatically suspended for up to one-hundred and eighty (180) school days by School Committee action.

- \* Possession means to have in or on your person, personal effects, motor vehicle, and any areas substantially entrusted to the control of the person such as desks, files and locker.
- \*\* Controlled substance(s) include: any drug listed in 21 U.S.C. 812 other federal regulations. Generally, all illegal drugs and substances are included such as marijuana, heroin, morphine, cocaine, ecstasy, or opium derivatives, LSD, DMT, STP, amphetamines, methamphetamines, and barbiturates. This does not include prescription drugs in the amount prescribed by a registered physician for that person.
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Each student shall receive a copy of this policy, which shall be included with the Student Discipline Code. A copy of this policy shall be provided to the parent(s)/ guardian(s) of each student. This policy will become effective upon adoption.

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