PROCEDURE:

Actions taken by staff in dealing with student use and abuse of alcohol and controlled, illegal, addictive or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids, will have as their first concern the welfare of the student involved and the other students in the school. Although a helping relationship rather than an investigative and punitive approach will be emphasized, necessary and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken when laws or school regulations are violated. Law enforcement agencies will be called upon for investigative and consultative assistance where illegal, addictive or harmful substance, or alcohol activity has occurred.

PREVENTION

The prevention program will focus on classroom instruction, guidance services, and the creation of a positive school climate.

INTERVENTION

The goal of the intervention program will be to eliminate use and abuse of alcohol and controlled, illegal, addictive or harmful substances, including marijuana (cannabis) and anabolic steroids, by students.

Ongoing in-service will be provided for faculty and staff. Important aspects of in-service training will include dimensions of the family illness and dynamics of the addiction process; enabling behaviors; intervention techniques; children in chemically dependent families; student experimentation, abuse and dependency; parental involvement and community resources; prevention issues and strategies; treatment and aftercare support; and implementation of the program into the classroom/building.
CORRECTIVE ACTION

If a student appears at school or at a school-sponsored function demonstrating behavior that indicates that he/she may be under the influence of an addictive substance and/or admits to an administrator that he/she is under the influence of an addictive substance, the school will take the following action:

1. The student’s parent/guardian will be notified to arrange for appropriate treatment.

2. If the student’s illegal use of an addictive substance is confirmed, the school administration may request the assistance of a law enforcement official in investigating the source of the addictive substance.

3. Appropriate school disciplinary action will be taken.

If school authorities find a student in possession of an addictive substance at school, the addictive substance will be confiscated and turned over to law enforcement officials for investigation and disposal. Appropriate school disciplinary action will be taken by a school administrator regardless of law enforcement action.

If a school administrator receives information concerning sales and use of addictive substances outside of school, the information will be reported to law enforcement officials for their investigation.

Necessary corrective action:

1. Any student, while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored activity, who sells or distributes alcohol, drugs or any substance under the guise of being alcohol, a drug or controlled substance to any other person, shall be reported to a law enforcement agency and shall be recommended for long-term suspension or expulsion.

2. Any student, while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored activity, who possesses, uses, consumes or exhibits the effect of having consumed or used alcohol, drugs, narcotics or other mood-altering substances not consumed or taken at the direction of a physician, shall be recommended for a long-term suspension of a minimum of ten consecutive school days. The student and/or parent/guardian may, in lieu of suspension, request that the student participate in and agree to an alternative program developed by the Student Assistance Committee of each respective school.
3. Any costs of participation in any of said programs shall be borne by the student and/or parent/guardian.

4. Failure to comply with and adhere to all the requirements of programs and/or services shall result in a recommended long-term suspension of a minimum of ten consecutive school days.