

## RSU #63

- a. **NEPN/NSBA Code:** JICH
- b. **Title:** Drug & Alcohol Use by Students
- c. **Author:**
- d. **Replaces Policy:** JICH-Student Chemical Abuse
- e. **Date Approved:** 09/25/2017
- f. **Previously Approved:** 12/14/2015
- g. **Policy Expiration:** Review as Needed
- h. **Responsible Review:** Superintendent/Principals/  
Policy Committee
- i. **Date Reviewed:** 09/12/2017 Superintendent  
08/28/2017 Principals  
09/12/2017 Policy Committee
- j. **References:**
  - Legal Reference:** 21USC § (Controlled Substances Act)  
21 CFR Part 1300. 11-15  
P.L. 101-226 (Drug-Free Schools and  
Communities Act Amendments of 1989)  
17-A MRSA § 1001  
22 MRSA §§ 2390-2394  
42 USC § 290dd-2  
42 CFR § 2.1 et seq.  
20-A MRSA §§ 1001(9); 4008
  - Cross Reference:** GBEC-Drug-Free Workplace  
JICIA – Weapons, Violence, and School Safety  
JKD-Expulsion of Students  
JLCD-Administering Medication to Students  
JRA-Student Education Records  
JICH-R-Drug & Alcohol Use by Students-  
Administrative Procedures
- k. **Narrative:**

The RSU #63 Board of Directors (the Board) and staff of the school unit support a safe and healthy learning environment for students, which is free of the detrimental effects of drugs and alcohol. Accomplishing this goal requires a cooperative effort among school staff, students, parents, law enforcement, and organizations concerned with the use of drugs and alcohol by school-aged youth.

In order to promote the safety, health, and well being of students, the Board endorses a three-pronged approach to address the issue of drugs and alcohol use: prevention/education, intervention, and discipline. The Superintendent is responsible for developing appropriate administrative procedures, curricula, and programs to implement this policy.

### **I. Prohibited Conduct:**

- A. No student will distribute, dispense, possess, use, or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, fortified wine, or other intoxicating liquor. No student will manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, “bath salts,” any narcotic

drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid; any other controlled substance defined in federal and/or state laws/regulations; any look-alike substance; or any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance.

Unless prescribed by a medical provider, a student will not use or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid; any other controlled substance defined in federal and/or state laws/regulations; any look-alike substance; or any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance.

- B.** These prohibitions apply to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school, at any school-sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any time or place directly interferes with the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school. This includes, but is not limited to, being on school grounds, school buses, or at any school-related function to include, but not limited to RSU #63 sponsored clubs, intramurals, and sports whether on school grounds or not.
- C.** Students will follow the established RSU #63 policy for in-school use of personal medication.
- D.** Clothing which promotes drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products is prohibited. Any student wearing such clothing will need to change clothing.

## **II. Prevention/Education:**

The District will provide students with appropriate information and activities focused on educating students about drugs and alcohol and preventing their use. Programs will teach students that the use of drugs and alcohol is wrong and harmful; how to resist peer pressure; and address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use.

## **III. Intervention:**

The District will establish a team approach to intervene with students with drug/alcohol problems. Students will be assisted in addressing their drug/alcohol problems and in continuing their educational program. Students will be provided with information and referral, if necessary, to aid them in obtaining assistance from appropriate community organizations. Student records concerning such interventions will be kept confidential as required by state and federal laws.

## **IV. Policy communication:**

The District will distribute this policy and appropriate related information to staff, students, and parents on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by the Superintendent and building administrators.