

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF THE  
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 8.22  
ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS/STUDENT DRUG ABUSE**

**ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

The sale, possession or use of intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs at school, during school hours, while under the supervision of a school authority, or while engaged in a school activity is a violation of school rules as well as of the law. Subject to the right of due process, the Administration will take the following steps.

(1) Students having a serious or life-threatening medical emergency involving the use or suspected use of intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs are to be referred to the City of Milwaukee Fire Department Emergency Medical Services. The police and parents or guardians of minor students are to be notified. Appropriate action, as shown in the steps below, is to be taken as soon as possible.

(2) Any student who is determined to be using, to be under the influence of, or to possess intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs is to be suspended from school. Police must be notified immediately. Parents or guardians of minor students must be notified, and one or more of the following steps is to be taken:

- (a) Referral to the Department of Parent and Student Services
- (b) Participation in an intervention program
- (c) Recommendation for expulsion.

(3) In all cases, the professional confidentiality of the counseling relationship between staff member and student is to be respected.

(4) Any student who is determined to be selling or giving intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs is to be suspended from school and referred to the Department of Parent and Student Services. Police must be notified immediately. Parents or guardians of minor students must be notified. If the case involves illegal drugs, it is to be recommended to the Board, provided due process is followed, for expulsion.

(5) Any student who voluntarily identifies himself/herself as having a drug or alcohol problem and seeks help is to be given assistance. As part of the counseling process, the parent of a minor student will be involved by the student or the school. Additional steps which may be taken include:

- (a) Referral to a counselor
- (b) Referral to the drug resource coordinator
- (c) Referral to group educational sessions, if available in the school
- (d) Referral to supportive services staff
- (e) Self-referral to community treatment agencies.

(6) In all cases, the professional confidentiality between the staff member and student is to be respected.

(7) All staff members shall be responsible for enforcement of this policy. All staff members observing actions and reactions of students suspected of selling, giving, using, or possessing intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs should report such observations to the school administrators. Information about individual students which may be helpful to parents should be shared with them through the school's administrators. Information on the activities of, and areas frequented by, groups of students is to be reported to the police by the school's administrators.

(8) School personnel involved in the implementation of the policy will be provided with legal counsel at Board expense, if needed.

**Legal Ref.:** W.S. Chapters 161, 450 (definitions), 118.126  
**Cross Ref.:** Admin. Policy 7.08 Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco  
8.22 Alcohol use by Student/Student Drug Abuse  
Admin. Proc. 4.01(1) Emergency Plans

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