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Saint Paul Public Schools Policy

504.00

504.00 DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

I. POLICY PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all by prohibiting the use of alcohol, toxic substances, medical cannabis, nonintoxicating cannabinoids, edible cannabinoid products, and controlled substances without a physician's prescription

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Except as otherwise provided in Section IV, of this policy, use and/or possession of alcohol, controlled substances, toxic substances, non-intoxicating cannabinoids without proper prescription (for seizure management only), edible cannabinoid products, or medical cannabis at or in any school or District work location, by students, is prohibited and is a violation of this policy. Paraphernalia associated with controlled substances is also prohibited.
- B. A student may not use or possess cannabis flower or leaves, cannabis products, lower potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products containing cannabinoid extracts in a public school, as defined by state law, including all facilities, whether owned, rented, or leased, and all vehicles that the District owns, leases, rents, contracts for, or controls.
- C. The school district will act to enforce this policy and to discipline or take appropriate action against any student or other person who violates this policy.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Alcohol" includes any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor that contains more than one half of one percent of alcohol by volume.
- B. "Controlled substances" include narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, prescription drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, anabolic steroids or any other controlled substance as defined in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812, including analogues and look-alike drugs.
- C. "Toxic substances" includes 1) glue, cement, aerosol paint containing toluene, benzene, xylene, amyl nitrate, nitrous oxide, or containing other aromatic hydrocarbon solvents, but does not include glue, cement, or paint contained in a packaged kit for the construction of a model automobile,

airplane, or similar item; 2) butane or a butane lighter; or 3) any similar substance declared to be toxic to the central nervous system and to have a potential for abuse, by a rule adopted by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health.

- D. "Use" includes to sell, buy, manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence, or consume in in any manner, including, but not limited to, consumption by injection, ingestion, or by any other means alcohol and/or controlled substances, whether or not for the purpose of receiving remuneration or consideration.
- E. "Possess" means to have on one's person, in one's effects or in an area subject to one's control.
- F. "School or work location" includes any school district building (whether leased or owned) or on any school district premises; in any district-owned vehicle or in any other district-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event, or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district; or during any period of time students are under the supervision of the school district or otherwise engaged in district business.

IV. EXCEPTIONS

- A. "School or work location" includes any school district building (whether leased or owned) or on any school district premises; in any district-owned vehicle or in any other district-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event, or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district; or during any period of time students are under the supervision of the school district or otherwise engaged in district business.
- B. Minors are not permitted to possess controlled substances in a school or work location except with the express permission of the superintendent, or their designee. When such express permission is given, the minor shall comply with any other relevant procedures established by District administration.

V. ENFORCEMENT

- A. A student who violates the terms of this policy shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the school district's discipline policy. Such discipline may include suspension or expulsion from school.
- B. The student may be referred to a drug or alcohol assistance or rehabilitation program and/or to law enforcement officials when appropriate.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Minn. Stat. § 340A.403 (3.2 Percent Malt Liquor Licenses)
Minn. Stat. § 340A.404 (Intoxicating Liquor; On-Sale Licenses)
Minn. Stat. § 609.684 (Sale of Toxic Substances to Children; Abuse of Toxic Substances)
Minn. Stat. § 624.701 (Liquor in Certain [School] Buildings or Grounds)
Minn. Stat. § 151.72 (Sale of Certain Cannabinoid Products)
Minn. Stat. § 152.22, subd. 6 (Definitions - Medical Cannabis)
Minn. Stat. § 152.23 (Limitations - Medical Cannabis)
Minn. Stat. § 342.09 (Personal Adult Use of Cannabis)
Minn. Stat. § 342.56 (Limitations) 20 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7140, 7161-7165
20 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7140, 7161-7165 (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act)
21 U.S.C. § 812 (Schedules of Controlled Substances)
41 U.S.C. §§ 702, 703, 706, 707 (Drug-Free Workplace Act)
21 C.F.R. §§ 1308.11-1308.15 (Controlled Substances)
34 C.F.R. Part 84 (Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace)

CROSS REFERENCES:

413.01, Chemical Use and Abuse
413.00, Drug-Free Workplace
516.00, Students – Medications/Medical Procedures