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Title: Controlled Substances
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I. Purpose

The Joint Committee recognizes that the use and abuse of controlled substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community, and EASTERN will strive to prevent substance abuse as defined in this Policy. The Joint Committee prohibits the use, student possession and/or distribution of any controlled substance during school hours, on school property, at any school sponsored event and during time traveling to and from EASTERN's programs (including off-campus externships) and EASTERN sponsored events.

II. Definition

For purposes of this policy, "controlled substances" shall mean:

1. any controlled substance prohibited by state or federal law and related regulations.
2. look-alike drugs;
3. alcoholic beverages;
4. any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Joint Committee policy C115, "Use of Medication;"
5. anabolic steroids;
6. drug paraphernalia; and
7. any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products.
8. Substances that when ingested cause a physiological effect that is similar to the effect of a controlled substance as defined by state or federal law, such as but not limited to herbal incense or other products containing synthetic cannabinoids.

Distribution means delivering, selling, passing, transferring, sharing, or giving any controlled substance to another or to aid therein.

Under the influence shall include any consumption or ingestion of controlled substance by a student.

Look-alike drugs shall include any pill, capsule, tablet, powder, plant matter or other item or substance that is designed or intended to resemble a controlled substance prohibited by this Policy or is used in a manner likely to induce others to believe the material is a controlled substance.

Drug paraphernalia means all equipment, products, and materials of any kind, including vaping products, which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance. The term shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all drug paraphernalia as defined or contemplated by the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act (Act of 1972, No. 64).

III. Authority

EASTERN may require participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into EASTERN's programs from violations of this policy, and in accordance with its legal obligations.

This Policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate Policy, school rules or any provision of the Student Handbook or Code of Conduct to the fullest extent permitted by law.

IV. Guidelines

Consistent with state and federal law, any student about whom the Executive Director or designee has reasonable, individualized suspicion to believe possesses controlled substances in violation of this Policy may be subject to a reasonable search and/or submission of drug and alcohol testing.

The Executive Director shall react promptly to information or knowledge concerning possible or actual incidents of violations of this Policy. Violations may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from an EASTERN program. Additionally, violations shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agencies as required by law.

The Executive Director or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving a violation of this Policy, as soon as practicable. The Executive Director or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Executive Director or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian

The Executive Director shall annually, by the required deadline, report all incidents of prohibited possession, use and sale of controlled substances on school property to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the required form in accordance with state law and regulations.

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