

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #097
POLICY**

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STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Statement of Philosophy: This policy shall be concerned with the health and well-being of all students and the policy shall take into consideration the individual needs of students with problems (drug, alcohol, substance abuse problems) as well as the right of the majority of students to an education.

It is therefore the policy of the Barre Unified Union School District (BUUSD) that no student shall knowingly possess, use, sell, give or otherwise transmit, or be under the influence of any illegal drug, regulated substance, or alcohol on any school property, or at any school sponsored activity away from or within the school. It is further the policy of the district to make appropriate referrals in cases of substance abuse.

Definitions

1. The term “*substance abuse*” as used in this policy is the ingestion of a substance in such a way that it interferes with a person’s ability to perform physically, intellectually, emotionally, or socially.
2. The term “*drug*” as used in this policy means any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, cannabis or any other controlled substance as defined by state or federal regulation or statute.

Administrative Responsibilities Related to Alcohol and Drugs

Educational Program The superintendent or designee shall work with appropriate staff members to develop and conduct an alcohol and drug abuse educational program. The program shall be consistent with the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Education Curriculum Plan. If the district is a recipient of federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act funds, the Act will be considered in the development of the alcohol and drug abuse educational program.

Cooperative Agreements The superintendent or designee shall annually designate an individual to be responsible for providing information to students and parents ~~or~~ guardians about outside agencies that provide substance abuse prevention services and to encourage the use of their services and programs when appropriate.

The BUUSD has entered into cooperative agreements with both the Washington County Youth Service Bureau and Central Vermont Substance Abuse Services. These organizations will provide substance abuse treatment to students who are referred through the school’s support and referral system, or who refer themselves for treatment.

Immediate Procedures. The superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for handling any alcohol/drug related incident until the student has been discharged to the parent, guardian, social service, medical, or law enforcement agency.

Emergency. The superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for administering emergency first aid related to alcohol and drug abuse. The procedures will define the roles of the personnel involved.

Administrative Responsibilities Related to Student Conduct and Discipline

Any student who violates this policy by knowingly possessing, using, selling, giving or otherwise transmitting, or being under the influence of any illegal drug, regulated substance, or alcohol, on any school property, or at any school sponsored activity away from or within the school shall be subject to discipline consistent with the District's policy on Student Conduct and Discipline and the school's overall discipline plan developed pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1161a.

Notification. The superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents and students are given copies of the standards of conduct and disciplinary sanctions contained in the procedures related to this policy, and are notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory. Notice to students will, at a minimum, be provided through inclusion of these standards and sanctions in the student handbook distributed (electronically or requested paper copies) to all students at the beginning of each school year or when a student enrolls in the school.