

## DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

The School Board is concerned with the health, welfare and safety of its students. Therefore, the use, sale, transfer, distribution, possession of or being under the influence of unauthorized prescription drugs, alcohol, narcotics, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, illegal drugs is prohibited on any school district property, in any district-owned vehicle, or in any other district-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or district activities. This prohibition also applies to any district-sponsored or district-approved activity, event or function. The use, sale, transfer or possession of drug-related paraphernalia is also prohibited.

For the purposes of this policy, a controlled substance shall include any controlled substance as defined in the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812(c), or RSA 318-B, Controlled Drug Act.

Students may only be in possession of medication as detailed in Board Policy JLCD.

Searches of persons reasonably suspected to be in violation of this policy will be conducted in accordance with Board Policies JIH/JIH-R/JIHB.

Any student who is found by the administration to be under the influence of or in possession of a controlled substance or have violated the NH Controlled Drug Act/Controlled Substances Act shall be referred for prosecution and subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension, expulsion or other discipline in accordance with the district's disciplinary policy. Strict compliance is mandatory. The school principal shall immediately report all incidents involving a controlled substance to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the superintendent. All controlled substances shall be turned over to local law enforcement.

Any student who is found by the administration to be under the influence of or in possession of alcohol shall be reported to local law enforcement and subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension, expulsion or other discipline in accordance with the district's disciplinary policy. Strict compliance is mandatory. The school principal shall immediately report all incidents involving alcohol to the superintendent. All alcohol shall be turned over to local law enforcement.

Students with disabilities who violate this policy will be disciplined in accordance with the District's code of conduct while considering the student's Individual Education Program (IEP.)

### **Interscholastic Sports:**

Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on school property at any time. NH RSA 571-C:2 states: "No person shall drink or have in his possession any intoxicating beverage while in attendance, as a spectator or otherwise, at any place where a school interscholastic athletic contest is being conducted. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

### **Legal Reference:**

*RSA 571-C:2, Intoxicating Beverages at Interscholastic Athletic Contests*

RSA 179:10, Unlawful Possession and Intoxication

RSA 318-B, Controlled Drug Act

21 U.S.C. § 812(c), Controlled Substances Act

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