

Drug and Alcohol Use By Students

The School Board and staff of the MSAD # 3 School District support a safe and healthy learning environment for students, which is free of the detrimental effects of drugs and alcohol. Accomplishing this goal requires a cooperative effort among school staff, students, parents, law enforcement and organizations concerned with the use of drugs and alcohol by school-aged youth.

In order to promote the safety, health and well being of students, the School Board endorses a three-pronged approach to address the issue of drug and alcohol use; prevention/education; intervention and discipline. The Superintendent is responsible for developing appropriate administrative procedures, curricula and programs to implement this policy.

Prohibited Conduct

No student shall distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor. Nor shall a student manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid, any other controlled substance defined in federal and state law/regulations, any look-alike substance, or any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance.

No student shall distribute, dispense, possess or be under the influence of any prescription or over-the-counter drugs except as provided by a legal prescription or as permitted by the District's medication policy.

These prohibitions apply to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any time or place directly interferes with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school.

Appropriate Use of Medication

A student who must take legally prescribed drugs or over-the-counter drugs approved by his/her parents will comply with the District's medication policy.

Disciplinary Action

Principals may suspend and/or recommend expulsion of students who violate this policy, based upon the facts of each case in accordance with established disciplinary procedures. Students may also be referred to law enforcement authorities for investigation and/or prosecution.

Prevention/Education

The district will provide students with appropriate information and activities focused on educating students about drugs and alcohol and preventing their use. Programs shall teach students that the misuse of drugs and alcohol is wrong and harmful; how to resist peer pressure; and address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol abuse.

Intervention

The school unit will establish a team approach to intervene with students with drug/alcohol problems. Students will be assisted in addressing their drug and alcohol problems and in continuing their educational program. Students will be provided with information and referral, if necessary, to aid them in obtaining assistance from appropriate community organizations. Student records concerning such interventions shall be kept confidential as required by state and federal laws.

Policy Communication

The school unit shall distribute this policy and appropriate related information to staff, students and parents on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by the Superintendent and building administrators.

Legal Reference: 21 USC § 812 (Controlled Substances Act)
 21 CFR Part 1300.11-15
 Pub.LNo 101-226 (Drug Free Schools and Communities Act
 Amendments of 1989)
 17-A MRSA § 1101
 42 USC § 2.1 et seq.
 20-A MRSA §§ 1001 (9); 4008
 22 M.R.S.A. § 1578-B; Me.PL470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use by
 Minors)
 20 USC § 7181 et. Seq. (Pro-Children Act of 2001)

Cross Reference: ADC Tobacco Use and Possession
 ADC Regulation Tobacco Use and Possession
 CHCA Student Handbooks
 IGBAB Child Find
 IGBAC Referral/Pre-Referral Policy
 JIC System-wide Student Code of Conduct
 JICC Student Conduct on Buses
 JIH Questioning and Searches of Students
 JIH Regulation Questioning and Searches of Students Administrative
 Procedure
 JK Student Discipline
 JKF Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities
 JKF Regulation Administrative Procedure for Removal of Students with
 Disabilities

JLCD Administrating Medication to Students
KLG Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities
KLG Regulation Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities
Administrative Procedure

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