

Drug Prevention

The School recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the whole community.

For purposes of this policy, “drugs” shall mean:

1. all controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by applicable federal and Ohio law;
2. all chemicals that release toxic vapors;
3. all alcoholic beverages;
4. any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in School has been granted pursuant to Board policy;
5. anabolic steroids; and
6. any substance that is a “look-alike” to any of the above.

The School prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of any drug or any drug-related paraphernalia, as the term is defined by law, on School grounds, on School vehicles and vehicles used for School-sponsored events, and at any School-sponsored event.

The School's drug prevention program:

1. Emphasizes the prevention of drug use;
2. Provides for a comprehensive, age-appropriate, developmentally-based drug and alcohol education and prevention program which:
 - a. addresses the legal, social, psychological, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use;
 - b. provides information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs and alcohol;
 - c. assists students to develop skills to make responsible decisions about substance abuse and other important health issues;
 - d. promotes positive emotional health, self-esteem, and respect for one's body;
 - e. advises students that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful; and
 - f. meets the minimal objectives as stated in the essential performance objectives for health education as established by the State Department of Education.

Disciplinary sanctions, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution, will be imposed on students who violate this Policy.

The sanctions may include, together with punitive action, voluntary referral to appropriate persons or agencies for screening and assessment. Such referral may only be made to qualified and properly licensed individuals or programs.

The School will provide information about any drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation and re-entry programs available to Students and will direct Students and their Parents to the appropriate programs.

This policy serves as notification to parents and students that compliance with this policy and other standards of conduct is mandatory.

The Principal or his/her designee will conduct a biennial review of the School's program to determine its effectiveness and implement changes as needed and to ensure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.

The School will provide a Student assistance program which includes guidelines for prevention, intervention, referral, treatment, and after-care. Such a program must be comprehensive in nature addressing all issues affecting students' academic, social, and emotional well-being in the educational setting which may negatively affect behavior and interfere with their ability to learn.

The School's policies and procedures on Search and Seizure, Suspension and Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion, among others, will be complied with fully in dealing with Students suspected of drug use or possessing or distributing drugs in School.

The School shall develop a curriculum for instruction in the harmful effects of and legal restrictions against the use of drugs of abuse, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco for students at each grade level and conduct such in-service training programs for Staff members necessary to ensure effective teaching about drugs and assistance to Students with drug problems.

The Principal or his/her designee shall establish administrative guidelines necessary to implement this policy. Such guidelines shall ensure that the proper notice regarding the use of anabolic steroids is posted in all School locker rooms used by students in grades 7-12, as applicable.

20 USC 7114.