

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

The Principal and the school staff should place primary emphasis on behaviors which enhance the health and welfare of the entire school community. Educational programs should be designed to heighten student awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

The use and/or possession of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, mood-altering substances, look-alike drugs, or drug-related paraphernalia or the abuse of prescription drugs on school property or while attending or participating in any school-sponsored activity is forbidden and is considered a major disciplinary infraction.

Being under the influence of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages or mood-altering substances on school property or at a school-sponsored activity is likewise forbidden and is considered a major disciplinary infraction.

After considering all circumstances, the Principal may suspend or expel a student for these major disciplinary infractions, depending upon the severity and/or frequency of such violations.

The selling, pushing, or supplying of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, mood-altering substances, or drug-related paraphernalia is an extremely serious situation which is to be reported to the parents/guardians of a student and ordinarily to law enforcement officials as well. If, in the judgment of the Principal, there are no extenuating circumstances, a student committing such an offense will be expelled from the school.

A Student Assistance Team is to be established in each secondary school for the purpose of recommending guidelines to respond openly and effectively to the potential and current uses and abuses of drugs, alcohol, and mood-altering substances by students. Upon approval by the local Board of Education, the Student Assistance Program Guidelines will be submitted by each secondary school to the Superintendent of Schools for review and reference.

Policy

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