

## **Drug and Alcohol Use by Students**

Students are not permitted to possess, use, distribute, sell or be under the influence of drugs, drug-like substances, look-alike drugs, drug paraphernalia, and/or alcohol on school property or at school sponsored events as these items are considered to be wrong and harmful.

Students who violate this policy shall be immediately suspended from school and school activities. The principal shall refer to the Superintendent or designee students who have been suspended for drugs or alcohol related matters where expulsion is a consideration. The Superintendent or designee shall hold a hearing to determine appropriate disciplinary action. The principal or designee is to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency when students violate this policy. Notification to law enforcement agencies is not a part of the school disciplinary response, but is action required of school officials by the Code of Delaware. Procedures and regulations for the implementation of this policy are to be developed by the administration and are to be reviewed and authorized by the Board of Education.

### **1. THE PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR GRADES 6-12:**

#### **Alcohol 1st Incident: Possession/Use/Impairment and Distribution\*\***

- 5 days minimum to 10 days maximum suspension from school
- appropriate law enforcement agency notified
- no participation in or attendance at curricular activities, co-curricular activities, extra-curricular activities, and school functions for 45 consecutive school days plus 40 hours of school service prior to the end of the 45 consecutive school day restriction (see definitions)
- counseling - mandatory for readmission
- \*\*Students who distribute or make alcohol available to other students will be disciplined as per the provisions listed under Alcohol: 2nd Incident.

#### **Alcohol 2nd Incident:**

- expulsion from school for a length of time and conditions for readmission to be determined by the Board of Education
- counseling and community service - mandatory for readmission
- appropriate law enforcement agency notified
- no attendance at curricular activities, co-curricular activities, extra-curricular activities and school functions during time of expulsion or alternative placement (see definitions)
- no participation in curricular activities, co-curricular activities, extra-curricular activities and school functions during time of expulsion or alternative placement (see definitions)
- support enrollment into an alternative educational program
- exclusion from school property during time of expulsion

#### **Drugs, Drug-Like Substances, Look-alike Substances and/or Drug Paraphernalia: Possession/Use/Impairment/Distribution**

- expulsion from school for a length of time and conditions for readmission to be determined by the Board of Education
- counseling and community service - mandatory for readmission

- notification of appropriate law enforcement agency
- no attendance at curricular activities, co-curricular activities, extra- curricular activities and school functions during time of expulsion (see definitions)
- no participation in curricular activities, co-curricular activities, extra- curricular activities and school functions during time of expulsion (see definitions)
- support enrollment into an alternative educational program
- exclusion from school property during time of expulsion

**2. THE PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR GRADES K-5:**

A student found to be in violation of this policy is to be suspended and the principal shall refer the matter to the Superintendent or designee.

In considering appropriate disciplinary action, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the age and maturity of the student involved.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine if the circumstances are such that a Board hearing is needed as a part of determining the appropriate disciplinary action.

*Definitions:*

*Curricular activities - activities such as, but not limited to, band performances, choral performances, and academic contests outside the regular school day.*

*Co-curricular activities - activities such as, but not limited to, school clubs, field trips outside the regular school day.*

*Extra-curricular activities - activities such as, but not limited to, athletics, drama, yearbook.*

*School Functions - activities such as, but not limited to, proms, dances, graduation.*

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