

STUDENT 3.0

POLICY: 3.1

DRUG/ALCOHOL

The manufacture, control, trafficking, possession, use, sale, purchase or distribution of drugs, including but not limited to, designer drugs, anabolic/performance enhancing drugs, look-alike drugs, drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, alcohol or alcoholic beverages or any substance represented as one of the above, or being under the influence of any of the above, is prohibited on school grounds, on school district vehicles, or at any function sponsored by the Centennial School District regardless of location. Students shall be subject to discipline, including suspension or expulsion, for violating this policy, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of applicable law.

The Superintendent is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

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I. DEFINITIONS

- A. The term “designer drug” means a substance not listed in Schedules I. through V. of U.S.C. 813 or 35 P.S. 7809-104 that has a chemical structure similar to that of a controlled substance, which produces an effect substantially similar to that of a controlled substance.
- B. The term “look-alike drug” means any substance not listed in Schedules I through V of 21 U.S.C. 812 or 35 P.S. 780-104 that (a) has a stimulant or depressant affect on humans, other than a prescription drug, which, or the label of which, substantially resembles a specific controlled substance, or (b) is or has been represented to be a controlled substance, or stimulant, or depressant.
- C. The term “drug paraphernalia” includes any utensil or item, which, in the judgment of the school district, can be associated with the use of a controlled substance or alcohol. These items include, but are not limited to, roach clips, pipes, bowls, and spoons.
- D. The term “controlled substance” means (a) a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812), (b) a controlled substance in Schedules I through V section 104 of the Controlled Substance, Drug Device and Cosmetic Act (35 P.S. 780-104), (c) a look-alike drug, or (d) a designer drug.
- E. The term “alcohol” means alcohol of any degree of proof whether rectified or diluted, and any beverage containing it, including but not limited to liquor, wine spirits, fermented beverages, and malt or brewed beverages.
- F. The Student Assistance Program refers to the applicable building Student Assistance Team, a professionally trained team of school district personnel as well as consultants from specific community agencies.

II. PROHIBITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The use and/or possession by students without medical prescription or authorization of drugs, alcohol, health endangering substances and/or those which provide a mood altering effect is prohibited. Hereafter all references to the above mentioned or any substance represented, as one of the above shall be referred to as drugs.
- B. These procedures shall be in effect whenever a student is under the school’s jurisdiction including participation in field trips, sports, and all other extra-curricular activities. The rules shall apply whether a student is an active participant or is a spectator/guest at such functions.
- C. For the protection of the student, prescription drugs and patent medicines brought to the school shall be registered and stored with the school nurse or delegated authority. In certain situations (e.g. the use of inhalers) the nurse may, with the agreement of the parent and physician, permit students to keep their own medication if they can safely do so (See Policy 3.28).
- D. Any prescription for students for an anabolic steroid shall be accompanied by a note from the physician stating that the prescription is for legitimate medical purposes.

III. PROCEDURES FOR ADDRESSING USE, POSSESSION, SUSPECTED USE OR SELLING/BUYING ON DISTRICT PROPERTY OR AT DISTRICT EVENTS

- A. If the student is in crisis, the staff member shall notify the school nurse immediately. The school nurse shall call 911, notify the principal or designee and follow procedures in III. E.
- B. School officials and employees shall keep confidential all information pertaining to a student's suspected or actual drug and/or alcohol use or abuse. Reports and disclosures can be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this policy or as necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the student or others.
- C. When a request for assistance arises, the staff member receiving the request shall submit a referral to a member of the Student Assistance Team.
- D. Suspicion of Use
 1. If a student demonstrates symptoms of using or abusing drugs/alcohol as defined in this policy the principal or designee shall be notified immediately.
 2. The principal or designee shall determine the appropriate response, which must include a referral to the Student Assistance Program and the involvement of the school nurse, who shall determine if health/first aid procedures are necessary.
 3. The principal or designee shall also involve the parent/guardian, the school counselor, the school psychologist, the school social worker, and other personnel as needed.
 4. Strict confidentiality shall be maintained.
 5. The principal or designee shall maintain a written record of the incident along with documentation of all attempts to contact parent/guardian, the extent of police involvement, statements of witnesses, etc.
 6. The principal or designee shall immediately contact the Assistant Superintendent or Director of Secondary Education and follow-up with a Serious Incident Report.
 7. If it is determined that the student is under the influence, the disciplinary actions outlined in section E. shall apply. For special education students, see E. 7. regarding expulsion.
- E. Actual Use
 1. If there is reasonable evidence that a student is under the influence or is involved in the illegal use of a drug and this is his/her first offense, the principal or designee shall notify the parent/guardian, and the student shall be suspended from school for at least 3 days.
 2. The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities.
 3. In addition to utilizing any/all appropriate deterrent measures, the principal or designee shall refer the student to the Student Assistance Program.

4. As a condition of reentry, the District will require the student to complete the Student Assistance process. This will include a comprehensive drug and alcohol or mental health assessment that is provided free of charge to the family. In addition, the District will ask the family to agree to follow any recommendation that will come at the conclusion of this process, indicated by signing the Student Recommendation Form.
5. For any offense the penalty may be a recommendation for expulsion from school. Application for readmission shall be reviewed by the Superintendent and/or the designated committee.
6. If a student is guilty of a second offense under this policy, the student shall be suspended for 10 days and referred to the Assistant Superintendent or Director of Secondary Education for consideration of expulsion.
7. When a special education student is found in violation of this policy, the principal or designee shall immediately notify the Director of Special Education/Pupil Services and convene the IEP team to conduct a manifestation determination. If the team finds that the student's behavior is a manifestation of his/her disability, the case shall be referred to the Director of Special Education/Pupil Services for appropriate action and not to the Board for expulsion. If the team finds that the misconduct of the student is not a manifestation of his/her exceptionality, the student may be disciplined and subjected to the same disciplinary procedures as a non-disabled student; provided, however, that legal requirements for the provision of FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education) shall be followed. (Also see policies 3.7 and 3.8)

F. Possession Without Actual Use

1. If a student is found in possession of suspected drugs, or any of the items covered by this policy, including paraphernalia, the principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities, and request an analysis of such suspected drugs to determine whether an arrest or referral to a judicial agency will be made.
2. See actions taken in section E. 5. (Actual Use). For special education students, see E.7. regarding expulsion.

G. Selling or Buying on School District Property

1. If there is reasonable evidence that a student is guilty of buying or selling those substances outlined in this policy, those involved shall be suspended for 10 days and referred for consideration for expulsion from school. For special education students, see E.7. regarding expulsion.
2. The principal or designee shall notify the parent/guardian and the local police and file a complaint against those involved.
3. Application for readmission after expulsion shall be reviewed by the Superintendent.

IV. DISPOSITION OF SUSPECTED DRUGS

The principal or designee shall give drugs and/or drug paraphernalia found anywhere on the school premises promptly to law enforcement authorities.

V. TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION

The Student Assistance Program shall provide follow up to all referrals.

VI. ENFORCEMENT

Any student who violates this policy shall be subject to applicable disciplinary measures outlined in this policy and may be prohibited from participating in any or all school activities.

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