

Students

Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco

Drug Abuse Procedures and Definition of Terms

"Alcohol/Drug/Mood Altering Substance" - shall include any alcohol or malt beverage, any drug listed as a controlled substance or chemical, any abused substance or medication for which a prescription is required under the law, and/or any substance which is intended to alter mood.

Examples of the above include, but are not limited to: beer, wine, liquor, marijuana, hashish, chemical solvents, glue, look alike substances, over-the-counter stimulants or diet pills and any capsules or pills not registered with the nurse, annotated within the student's health records and given in accordance with the school district policy for the administration of medication to students in school (cf. 5121.41 - Administration of Medication).

"Student Study Team (S.S.T.)" - is any multi-disciplinary team composed of teachers, support services personnel, administrators, nurses, and counselors. This team has been trained to understand and work on the issues of adolescent chemical use, abuse and dependency and will play a primary role in the identification and referral process of students coming to their attention through the procedures outlines. In the absence of an S.S.T., the building principal will determine the appropriate action.

"Licensed Alcohol/Drug Counselor or Agency" - is a certified specialist or program with expertise in the area of chemical dependency and its effects on a student's functioning in school.

"Distributing" - deliver, sell, pass, share or give any alcohol, drug, or mood altering substance, or look alike, as defined in the guidelines, from one person to another or to aid therein.

"Possession" - possess or hold, without any attempt to distribute, any alcohol, drug or mood altering substance determined to be illegal, or as defined by the outline procedures.

"Cooperative Behavior" - shall be defined as the willingness of a student to work with staff and school personnel in a reasonable and helpful manner, complying with requests and recommendations of the S.S.T.

"Uncooperative Behavior" - is resistance or refusal, either verbal, physical or passive, on the part of the student to comply with the reasonable request or recommendations of school personnel. Defiance, assault, deceit, and flight shall constitute examples of uncooperative student behavior. Uncooperative behavior shall also include the refusal to comply with the recommendations of the S.S.T., or the building principal in the absence of the S.S.T.

"Drug Paraphernalia" - includes any utensil or item which in the school's judgment can be associated with the use of drugs, alcohol, or mood altering substances. Examples include but are not limited to roach clips, pipes, bowls, spoons, razor blades, paging devices.

The following pages contain the summarization of drug and alcohol administrative guidelines which describes the appropriate action staff should take regarding student involvement or suspected involvement with drugs, alcohol or controlled substances.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-16b Prescribed courses of study.

10-19 Effect of alcohol, nicotine or tobacco and drugs to be taught. Training of personnel. Study of prevention program. Report of findings and recommendations.

10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student. Surrender of physical evidence obtained from students.

10-220b Policy statement on drugs.

10-221d Boards of education to prescribe rules re: use, sale of possession.

10-223d Expulsion of pupils. Hearing format. Age limitation for the provision of an alternative educational opportunity; exceptions.

21a-240 Definitions. (8) "Controlled drugs".

21a-277 Penalty for illegal manufacture, distribution, sale, prescription, dispensing.

21a-278 Penalty for illegal manufacture, distribution, sale, prescription or administration by non-drug-dependent person.

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