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5131.6(a)

ALCOHOL USE, DRUGS AND TOBACCO

It is the policy of the Board to prohibit the use, possession, distribution or sale of any drug, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol by any student at any time on school property, at school-sponsored events or on school provided transportation. Prescribed medication shall be permitted only through the school nurse in conformity with policy # 5141.21

Any student in a District school found to be using, selling, distributing, in possession of or under the influence of intoxicants, mood altering drugs or substances, or look-alike drugs, or in possession of any related drug paraphernalia during a school session, on school premises, or anywhere at a school-sponsored activity or trip, on school-provided transportation, shall be subject to consequences as set forth in the corresponding administrative regulation.

The use of a passive alcohol screening device is approved for use at events/activities such as dances and proms at the middle school and high school levels. If a screening device will be used at an event or activity, it shall be used upon all students and not selected groups therein. The device may also be used during the school day or at a school sponsored event when, in the judgment of the school administrator, there exists reasonable suspicion that a student has consumed an alcoholic beverage.

Tobacco, Vapor Products and E-Cigarette Use by Students

There shall be no:

1. Smoking or any other use or possession of tobacco, tobacco products, including chewing tobacco or tobacco paraphernalia.
2. Use of Electronic nicotine delivery system (e-cigarettes)
3. Use of any Vapor Products

by students in any school building or school vehicle at any time or on any school grounds during the school day, or at any time when the student is subject to the supervision of designated school personnel, such as when the student is at any school function, extracurricular event, field trip, or school related activity such as a work-study program. Student support and counseling will be offered to provide support for students who wish to break the smoking habit.

Display of these items as props in school productions and as educational tools in classroom demonstrations is excepted from this policy.

Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. The Superintendent shall propose and the Board of Education shall approve procedures to ensure that any student violating this policy is subjected to disciplinary action, and that any disciplinary actions imposed for similar actions are treated consistently.

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Privacy Rights

Personal privacy rights of students shall be protected as provided by law. School properties may be inspected by school authorities to maintain health and safety. Searches to locate drugs, narcotics, liquor, weapons, poisons, and missing properties are matters relating to health and safety and may be conducted based on reasonable suspicion of violation of the policy. Privileged communication between a certified or paraprofessional employee and a student concerning drug abuse shall remain confidential except in cases where the employee is obtaining physical evidence of a controlled substance, and/or where there is an immediate threat to, or where students' health, safety, and welfare may be jeopardized.

The District shall provide (1) a supportive environment for recovering chemically dependent students during and/or after their involvement in a treatment program for chemical dependency; and will provide (2) assistance to those students who are affected by drug/alcohol possession or use by others.

Notification of Policy

Annually, student will be notified through the student handbook, or through other means, of disciplinary sanctions for violation of this policy.

(cf. 5114.1 – Suspension and Expulsion / Due Process)

(cf. 5131 – Conduct)

(cf. 5141 - Discipline/Punishment)

(cf. 5145.12 – Search and Seizure)

(cf. 6164.11 – Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol)

Legal Reference: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-19 Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Training of personnel.
 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student. Surrender of physical evidence obtained from students.
 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-221(d) Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures re sale or possession of alcohol or controlled drugs.
 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-342 Smoking prohibited. Exceptions. Signs §required. Penalties.

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Legal Reference: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 21a-240 Definitions dependency producing drugs.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 21a-240(8) Definitions “Controlled Drugs,”
dependency producing drugs.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 21a-240(9) Definitions “controlled substance.”
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 21a-243 Regulation re schedules of controlled
substances.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 21a-408e Person not subject to arrest or prosecution
solely for being in the presence or vicinity of palliative use of
marijuana.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53-198 Smoking in motor buses, railroad cars and
school buses.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53-344b Sale or delivery of electronic nicotine delivery
system or vapor products to minors.
P.A. 15-206 An Act Regulating Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and
Vapor Products.
Federal Regulation 34 CFR Part 85 Drug-free Schools & Communities
Act.
20 U.S.C. Section 7181 et. Seq., No Child Left Behind Act.
Synthetic Drug Abuse Prevention Act of 2012. (Part of s.3187, the Food
and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act)

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