

Students

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE 5131.6AR

School personnel shall observe and report inappropriate behavior, poor class performance, tardiness, absenteeism, or physical changes in any student to their immediate supervisor or appropriate designated staff member.

The school shall maintain and extend programs that help students to assess implications of the use of addictive substances, such as drugs and alcohol, and help students to understand the personal and social implications of abuse of these substances.

Any teacher or other school staff member who suspects a student in demonstrating symptoms of possible drug / alcohol use (staggering, slurred speech, incoherence, dazed appearance, inability to respond, vomiting, unconsciousness) shall immediately refer the student to the appropriate administrator who will treat the situation as a medical emergency. A referral will be made to the Student Assistance Team.

Should the school nurse determine the student's symptoms are drug / alcohol related or if he is unable to function normally, the school principal or designee shall take appropriate action which may include notifying the parent or guardian, taking the student home or for medical care, depending upon the severity of the student's condition. If drug use is confirmed, the student will be suspended. A referral will be made to the Student Assistance Team.

When there is evidence of use, illegal transmitting, or possession of drugs, including alcohol, during school hours or at any school-sponsored activity, the student will be advised of his rights, the police summoned, and the parent or guardian shall be asked to confer with the principal and/or appropriate members of the school staff. The student will be suspended. A referral will be made to the Student Assistance Team.

If a student is caught in possession, use, distribution, or selling of drug paraphernalia, the principal or designee will confiscate the drug paraphernalia, summon the police, and notify the parent or guardian. The student will be suspended. A referral will be made to the Student Assistance Team.

On school buses en route to and from school or any school-sponsored event, bus drivers will radio any inappropriate or bizarre behavior, which might indicate possible drug or alcohol use or possession to the transportation office immediately. The transportation office shall then notify the appropriate building administrator. A referral will be made to the Student Assistance Team.

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(continued)**

Disciplinary consequences for students found to be in violation of this policy shall be:

- first offense five (5) day suspension;
 may be reduced by up to one (1) day if student and parents
 participate in a Saturday morning session with the Student
 Assistance Counselor.
- second offense maximum of ten (10) day suspension; and
- third offense referral to the Board of Education for a hearing that might
 result in expulsion.

The dean shall make available to the parent or guardian (upon the first violation) a resource list of drug / alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and reentry programs.

All communications between the school, students, parents or guardians, and police will be considered confidential as defined in Connecticut General Statutes 10-154a.

All students and parents or guardians will be notified of this policy yearly and understand that compliance is mandatory.

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