ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Intervention

The staff shall intervene whenever students use alcohol and other drugs while on school property or under school jurisdiction.

Staff members who believe that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall immediately notify the principal or designee.

If the principal or designee observes or suspects that a student is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he/she shall notify the parent/guardian and law enforcement if such action is believed to be in the best interests of the student or required by law.

The principal or designee may refer students and their families to services that deal with alcohol and drug problems.

In severe cases, if the parents/guardians or the school medical personnel are not immediately available, the principal is authorized to call an ambulance to remove the student to a hospital. Parents/guardians will be notified of this action and may be responsible for the incurred expenses.

Enforcement/Discipline

1. **Possession or Use of Alcohol or Illegal Drugs**

   a. When any student uses or possesses alcohol or illegal drugs at school or while under school jurisdiction, the following shall result:

      (1) Parent/guardian contact.

      (2) Suspension or expulsion.

      (3) Contact law enforcement authority.

      (4) Restriction from school activities.

   b. In addition, the following action <u>may</u> be taken:

      (1) Recommendation of expulsion.

      (2) Referral to an appropriate community counseling program with the expectation that at least one counseling session will be held during the time of suspension.

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(3) Transfer/Alternative Placement.

2. **Continued Use or Possession of Alcohol or Other Drugs**

When intervention efforts fail and the student continues to use or possess alcohol or other drugs at school or any school activity, he/she shall be expelled. The Board may suspend the expulsion and may assign the student to a school, class or program appropriate for the student's rehabilitation.

3. **Selling or Providing**

a. When a student sells or provides alcohol or other drugs at school or while under school jurisdiction, the following shall result.

(1) Parent/guardian contact.

(2) Expulsion.

(3) Law enforcement contact.

b. Staff shall notify the principal or designee immediately upon suspecting a student is selling or providing alcohol and other drugs. The principal or designee may notify law enforcement prior to confronting or searching the student.

c. A search for drugs may be made in accordance with the provisions of law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

d. When there is good evidence that a student has actually sold or provided alcohol or other drugs or drug paraphernalia on or about the school premises or at school-sponsored functions, law enforcement must be notified.