

ALCOHOL USE/DRUG ABUSE BY STUDENTS

The Board recognizes its share of the responsibility for the health, welfare, and safety of the students who attend the District's schools. The Board is concerned about the problems of alcohol and drug abuse, and further recognizes that the use of alcohol, narcotic drugs and depressants and other controlled substances illegally and/or inappropriately constitutes a hazard to the positive development of students.

Peyton School District # 23 JT shall promote a healthy environment for students by providing education, support and decision-making skills in regard to alcohol, drugs and other controlled substances and their abuse. In order to accomplish this goal, a cooperative effort must be made among the schools, parents, community and its agencies.

It shall be a violation of Board policy and considered to be behavior which is detrimental to the welfare, safety or morals of other students or school personnel for any student to possess, use, sell, distribute or procure or to be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other controlled substances. The unlawful possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances is wrong and harmful to students.

For purposes of this policy, controlled substances include but are not limited to narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic or mind altering drugs or substances, amphetamines, barbiturates, stimulants, depressants, marijuana, anabolic steroids, any other controlled substances as defined by law, or any prescription or non-prescription drug, medicine, vitamin or other chemical substances not taken in accordance with the Board policy and regulations on administering medicines to students *or state law regarding the administration of medical marijuana to qualified students.*

This policy also includes substances that are represented by or to the student to be any such controlled substance or what the student believes to be any such substance.

This policy shall apply to any student who is on school property, in attendance at school, in a school vehicle or taking part in any school sponsored or sanctioned activity or whose conduct at any time or place interferes with the operations of the District or the safety or welfare of students or employees.

Students violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions which may include suspension and/or expulsion from school and referral for prosecution. **Disciplinary sanctions and interventions for violations of this policy shall be in accordance with Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions.**

Situations in which a student seeks counseling or information from a professional staff member for the purpose of overcoming substance abuse shall be handled on an individual basis depending upon the nature and particulars of the case.

The Board, in recognition that drug and alcohol abuse is a community problem, shall cooperate actively with law enforcement, social services or other agencies and organizations, parents and any other agencies or organizations, parents and any other recognized community resources committed to reducing the incidents of illegal use of drugs and alcohol by school-aged youths.

Whenever possible in dealing with student problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse, school personnel shall provide parents and students with information concerning education and rehabilitation programs which are available. Information provided to students and/or parents about community substance abuse treatment programs or other resources shall be accompanied by a disclaimer to clarify that the school District assumes no financial responsibility for the expense of drug or alcohol assessment or treatment provided by other agencies or groups unless otherwise required.

The District shall provide all students and parents with a copy of this policy and its accompanying procedures on an annual basis.

The Board shall conduct a biennial review of its drug prevention program to determine its effectiveness, to implement any required changes to insure that the disciplinary sanctions required are consistently enforced.

*LEGAL REFS.: 20 USC 7101 et. Seq. (Safe & Drug –Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994)
CRS18-18-102 (3) (5) (definition of “anabolic steroid” and “controlled substance”)
CRS 18-18-407 (2) (crime to sell, distribute or possess controlled substance on or near school grounds or school vehicles)
CRS 22-1-110 (instruction related to alcohol and drugs)
CRS 22-1-119.3 (3)(c), (d) (no student possession or self-administration of medical marijuana, but school districts must permit the student’s primary caregiver to administer medical marijuana to the student on school grounds, on a school bus or at a school-sponsored event)
CRS 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(G) (policy required as part of safe schools plan)
CRS 22-33-106 (1)(d) (suspension or expulsion discretionary for the sale of a drug or controlled substance)
CRS 25-1.5-106 (12)(b) (possession or use of medical marijuana in or on school grounds or in a school bus is prohibited)
CRS 25-14-103.5 (boards of education must adopt policies prohibiting use or retail marijuana on school property)*

*CROSS REFS.: IHAMA, Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
JIH, Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests
JK*-2, Discipline of Students with Disabilities*

JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students
JLCD, Administering Medications to Students

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