
SPECIFIC PROCEDURES FOR “ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS” VIOLATIONS

School staff having cause to believe that a student is in possession, under the influence, shows signs or symptoms of having used any narcotic drug, alcohol or other controlled substance, or paraphernalia (or that which purports to be) must immediately report it to the principal or designee.

Upon receiving a report that a student may be in possession, under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, shows evidence of having used alcohol or other drug, or is in possession of alcohol or other drug paraphernalia, the principal or designee must immediately meet with the student and conduct an initial screening to include:

- 1) Assessment of physical symptoms.
- 2) Questioning of student regarding possible use, and/or possession
- 3) Additional screening to be conducted by the District Chemical Dependency Professional, school nurse, and/or law enforcement.

If screening results indicate alcohol or drug use and/or possession, the principal or designee must contact appropriate law the District Chemical Dependency Professional and the parent/legal guardian. In implementing this procedure, the principal or designee will coordinate all efforts with law enforcement officials and the District Chemical Dependency Professional.

If possession and/or use is confirmed, discipline policies and procedures must be followed.

Possession and/or use of alcohol, narcotic drug, controlled substance or paraphernalia (or that which purports to be) during school hours, at school-sponsored events or on school property will be considered a violation of District policy and will result in disciplinary action as follows.

MINIMUM CONSEQUENCES:

First Offense:

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| Elementary | 1) Notifications.
2) Discipline action handled on an individual basis. |
| Middle School | 1) Emergency Expulsion.
2) Immediate referral to law enforcement.
3) Short-Term Suspension of ten (10) days. |
| High School | 1) Emergency Expulsion.
2) Immediate referral to law enforcement.
3) Long-Term Suspension of fifteen (15) days. |

Second Offense:

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| Elementary | 1) Notifications.
2) Emergency Expulsion.
3) Discipline action handled on an individual basis. |
| Middle School | 1) Emergency Expulsion.
2) Immediate referral to law enforcement.
3) Long-Term Suspension of twenty (20) days. |
| High School | 1) Emergency Expulsion.
2) Immediate referral to law enforcement.
3) Long-Term Suspension of forty-five (45) days. |

Third Offense:

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| Elementary | 1) Notifications.
2) Emergency Expulsion.
3) Additional disciplinary action handled on an individual basis. |
| Middle School | 1) Emergency Expulsion.
2) Immediate referral to law enforcement.
3) Expulsion. |
| High School | 1) Emergency Expulsion.
2) Immediate referral to law enforcement.
3) Expulsion. |

Level of offenses are considered cumulative within and between educational levels; e.g., first offense occurs at the middle level, the student is found in violation of policy at the high school level—this offense becomes the student’s second offense.

Students subject to “First and Second Offense” disciplinary actions for use or possession of alcohol, narcotic drugs, controlled substances and/or paraphernalia may choose to participate in a formal chemical dependency assessment given by a Chemical Dependency Professional licensed by the State of Washington follow all recommendations made as an alternative corrective action. When the assessment has taken place, the length of a suspension may be reduced to five school (5) days for the first offense; second offense may be reduced to fifteen (15) school days for high school students and ten (10) school days for middle school students.

The principal or designee has the responsibility of tracking and determining if the recommendations have been followed. If a student or parent/legal guardian chooses not to follow all assessment recommendations, the principal or designee must impose the remainder of the original disciplinary sanctions.

If the student and/or parent/legal guardian chooses to have an assessment, the student and/or parent/legal guardian is responsible for all expenses incurred. The student and/or parent/legal guardian will be responsible for any expenses incurred for any treatment, counseling or laboratory procedures recommended.

Sale, distribution, trade or transfer of alcohol, narcotic drugs, controlled substances, and/or paraphernalia (or that which purports to be) must be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and will result in disciplinary actions up to, and including, immediate expulsion.



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