

DRUG ABUSE/ALCOHOL

The Board recognizes that the availability of drugs and alcohol has led to use by juveniles in all segments of the community including the school. Further it believes that the drug/alcohol abuser enters into a dangerous world where he/she may risk mental and physical health as well as damage or alter normal social and educational development. To this most serious social problem, the Board adopts the following policy.

The term drug abuse refers to any of the following conditions:

- 1) Consumption, without medical authorization, of medically useful drugs which have the capacity for altering mood and behavior;
- 2) The ingestion/injection of a medically useful drug for a purpose other than that which it was prescribed;
- 3) The use of mind-changing drugs or other substances have no legitimate medical application;
- 4) Inhalation of fumes from gasoline, various types of adhesives and house-hold cements, and other solvents;
- 5) Alcohol;
- 6) Any violation of State Statute of Wisconsin Chapter 161, The Uniform Controlled Substance Act or Chapter 331, The Juvenile Drinking Law;
- 7) Look-alike substances with intent to engage in any chemical use and/or abuse violations.

CONDITIONS

Students who use, possess, or are under the influence of alcohol, unlawful drugs, controlled substances, or hallucinogens and/or look-alike substances or intend to engage in any of these chemical use and abuse violations during school time, on school premises or during school sponsored activities shall be referred to police and immediate suspended are subject to expulsion.

Possession

Any student who is found to be in possession of a substance as defined by Policy 5131.9 and/or look-alike substances or intend to engage in any of these chemical use and/or abuse violations while on school grounds, within a school building, under the supervision of a school authority, on school transportation, or while participating in a school-sponsored activity, shall be placed on immediate suspension, and the case forwarded to the superintendent for a pre-expulsion hearing. In addition, the student's name and circumstances of the incident will be reported to the New Berlin Police Department.

Use

Any student found using substances as defined by Policy 5131.9 while on school grounds, within a school building, under the supervision of a school authority, on school transportation, or while on a school sponsored activity, shall immediately be suspended and the case forwarded to the superintendent for a pre-expulsion hearing. A principal or vice principal may require a student to submit a breath sample if he/she has reasonable suspicion to believe that the student is under the influence of alcohol at school or at an extra curricular function off campus. In addition, the student's name and the circumstances of the incident shall be forwarded to the New Berlin Police Department.

Sale or Transfer of Drugs

Any student found to be selling or transferring any substance as defined by Policy 5131.9 while on school grounds, within a school building, under the supervision of a school authority, on school transportation, or while on a school-sponsored activity, shall be immediately suspended and the case forwarded to the Board of Education for an expulsion hearing. In addition, the student's name and circumstances of the incident will be reported to the New Berlin Police Department.

Confidential Information

A school psychologist, counselor, or nurse shall keep confidential information received from a pupil that the pupil or another pupil is using or is experiencing problems resulting from the use of alcohol or other drugs unless:

- the pupil using or experiencing problems resulting from the use of alcohol or other drugs consents, in writing, to disclosure of the information;
- the school psychologist, counselor, or nurse has reason to believe that there is serious and imminent danger to the health, safety or life of any person and that disclosure of the information to another person will alleviate the serious and imminent danger. No more information than is required to alleviate the serious and imminent danger may be disclosed;

or

- the information is required to be reported under s.48.981 (the child abuse law).

A school psychologist, counselor, or nurse who in good faith discloses or fails to disclose information described above is immune from civil liability for such acts or omissions. This immunity does not apply to information required to be reported under the child abuse law.

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