

STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE

Statement of Purpose

The Sanborn Regional School District has NO tolerance for the use/abuse of illegal substances.

The purpose of this policy is to clearly state the Sanborn Regional School District's position on the use and/or abuse of illegal substances by students.

The Sanborn Regional School Board recognizes that the use and/or abuse of illegal substances by students and young people has become a major problem in our country, our state, and our schools. The Sanborn Regional School Board also recognizes that the use and availability of illegal substances on school campuses interferes with the educational process and interferes with its duty to provide a safe and healthy educational environment. Finally, the Sanborn Regional School Board deems it necessary to take steps to (1) improve its educational program so that Sanborn students are made aware of the dangers and penalties incurred through use of illegal substances, and (2) to establish appropriate rules and regulations to discourage its use in any school building, on any school property, on any school bus, or at any school sponsored event.

This policy is designed to help eradicate the influence of drugs, alcohol, and other chemicals from within the school environment. It is designed to protect students and to act as a deterrent to the student use of illegal substances. It is also designed to provide appropriate punishment for students that violate this policy.

Definitions

"Illegal substances" as used in this policy shall be defined as any controlled drug or narcotic; any common street drug such as marijuana, amphetamines, barbiturates, cocaine, heroin, and LSD or any other hallucinogenic drug; any counterfeit drug or substance represented to be any of the above listed substances; any synthetic substances; any unsupervised use of a prescribed or over the counter drug; or any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, fortified wine, or other intoxicating liquor.

"Drug paraphernalia" as used in this policy shall be defined as any device or material that is commonly used as part of illegal substance use or distribution. Drug paraphernalia may include, but is not limited to rolling paper, blunts, pipes, hookah pens or other types of electronic or non-electronic delivery systems.

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No student shall knowingly be in the presence of or procure, possess, use, transmit, sell, supply, or give to any person any illegal substance, or be under the influence of any illegal substance while in any school building, on any school property, on any school bus, or at any school sponsored event. Furthermore, no student may be in the presence of or have in their possession drug paraphernalia in a school building, school property, bus, or at a school sponsored event.

This policy shall apply to all students before, during and after school hours at any school, in any school building and on any school premises; on any school-owned vehicle or in any school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities or trips; off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function; or during any period of time when students are subject to the authority of school personnel.

Any student engaging in any prohibited activity listed above with respect to illegal substances and/or drug paraphernalia shall be subject to, and disciplined in accordance with, the penalties set forth in Policy JICH-R.

Any student suspected of violating this policy shall be removed from the premises and a report shall be written in accordance with RSA 193-D:1-4, which defines Safe School Zones and the procedures which must be followed when violations occur within them. When warranted, site administrators shall request the assistance of law enforcement agencies in order to deal appropriately with such students. All site administrators and school employees are directed to cooperate fully with law enforcement personnel, and are directed to report to them any and all information that would be considered beneficial in their efforts to stem and discourage illegal substance use.

Site administrators and district employees are directed to take every reasonable measure to prevent and discourage any person from coming into any school building, onto any school property, onto any school bus, or attending any school sponsored event while knowingly in possession of drug paraphernalia or in possession of, or under the influence of, any illegal substance. Site administrators and school employees are instructed to be especially vigilant of any persons attempting to sell, give, supply or use any illegal substance in any school building, on any school property, on any school bus, or at any school sponsored event.

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Site administrators are directed to include in the student handbook of each school, copies of this policy and the penalties set out in Policy JICH-R.

Related Policies: JK

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