

Students

DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO

The Board of Education prohibits student possession, use, purchase, manufacture, and/or distribution of any restricted drug, alcohol, or drug paraphernalia or being under the influence of any drug, drug-like substance, or over the counter medication taken without a parent’s and physician’s permission. This prohibition includes any activities sponsored by a school on or off school premises. Any student found to be violating this student conduct policy will be dealt with in accordance with the regulations set by the school system in the student code of conduct. The consequences of such violations may ultimately result in the expulsion from school and/or criminal prosecution.

Recognizing the potential of each student and that drug and alcohol abuse and dependency can seriously impair a student’s ability to learn, it is the policy of the schools to take positive actions to prevent drug and alcohol abuse. These actions will be through education, school intervention, parental involvement, medical assessment/referral, and police referral in the handling of incidents in the schools involving the possession, sale, and/or use of behavior-affecting substances. These substances shall include but not be limited to marijuana, cocaine, LSD, inhalants (which have behavior affecting ingredients), alcohol, and barbiturates. {Cf. 664.11 Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol }

School properties may be inspected by school authorities in the interest of maintenance, health and safety. Inspections for the location of restricted drugs, narcotics, liquor, weapons, poisons and missing properties are matters relating to health and safety and may be regarded as reasonable purposes for inspection by school personnel. {Cf.5145.12-Search and Seizure }

Disciplinary procedures will be administered with the best interests of the student, school population and community in mind. Personal privacy rights of students shall be protected as provided by law.

Tobacco and Smoking

Smoking and possession of tobacco products is prohibited on school grounds. For the purpose of this policy, the term “smoking” includes the use of vapor products and electronic devices that simulate smoking by delivering nicotine or other substances by the inhalation of a vapor. Disciplinary actions will be in accordance with regulations approved by the Board of Education (See 5131.6A Student Code of Conduct, section 6 page 10) including recommendation for arrest and fines provided by CT Statutes Sec. 1-21b.)

Legal Reference:	Connecticut General Statutes
	19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places
	10-221d Board of Education to prescribe rules
	53-198 Smoking on motor buses, railroad cars and school buses
	Public Act 14-76, “An Act Concerning the Governor’s Recommendations Regarding Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Youth Smoking Prevention.”

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