

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 problem of alcohol and drug abuse and further recognizes that the use of alcohol, narcotic drugs, depressants and other controlled substances illegally and/or inappropriately constitutes a hazard to the positive development of students.

Therefore, the Board requires:

- The education of students to bring about awareness and understanding of the dangers inherent in the use of alcohol and controlled substances.
- The provision in each school or counseling service that will make it possible for students to seek and get counseling on these matters any time without fear of reprisal and with assurance of the confidentiality of the counseling.
- Emergency health and safety care which may be in order for students under the active influence of drugs at school or in connection with any school activity.
- Close cooperation by school officials with parents or guardians of students suspected to be illegally involved with controlled substances. This requires that parents be notified and conferences with them arranged when suspicion of drug abuse in any form (use, possession or distribution) is sufficiently founded. This is intended as a time when school officials may work with parents or guardians without involving law enforcement agencies and without taking disciplinary action.
- The prohibition of the use, possession or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs on school property or in connection with any school activity. Violations of this prohibition shall be cause for a parental conference. When they involve controlled substances, the police will be notified. The student will be suspended from school and may be recommended for expulsion.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 12-22-303 (7)
C.R.S. 22-1-110
C.R.S. 22-1-111
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1) (d)

CROSS REFS.: IGAG, Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
[JFG](#), Interrogations and Searches
[JGD/JGE](#), Student Suspension/Expulsion
[JLCD](#), Administering Medicines to Students