

**STUDENT DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE**

Legal drugs, over the counter drugs, or those which a student has on prescription and carries onto school property for ingestion as prescribed by a doctor, will be kept and dispensed only by the school nurse or principal's office.

Taking of illegal drugs or alcohol, and/or possession of same, in any form, is not permitted at any time. Parents will be informed immediately if a pupil is in violation of this policy, and the matter will be brought to the attention of the proper authorities.

In case a student appears to be under drug/alcohol influence, the parent will be notified by school authorities to come for the student and remove him/her to his/her home or to medical facilities.

In severe cases, if the parent/guardian or school doctor will not or can not come to school, the principal is authorized to call an ambulance to remove the student to the hospital. Parents will be notified of this action and be responsible for the incurred expenses.

Upon reasonable evidence of the illegal possession and/or use of drugs/alcohol by any student on school property, the student will be suspended from school for at least five days. A conference with the parents, child and principal should be held as soon as possible.

Any student found selling, distributing or giving away illegal drugs or alcohol will be turned over to police authorities immediately and suspended from school at once.

Any student convicted in court of illegally selling drugs on or off school property will be suspended from school.

**ALCOHOL USE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Controlled drugs are defined to be those drugs prohibited by New Hampshire State Law as defined in RSA Ch. 318-B. Alcohol beverages will not be permitted on school property at any time. Any student in possession of or under the influence of alcohol will be immediately suspended from school for not less than five days.

**Legal References:**

*RSA.318-B Definition*

*RSA 571-C:2- Responsibility to Minors*

*21U.S.C. § 812(c)*

*RSA 193:13, Pupils*

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