

POSSESSION, USE, OR SALE OF DRUGS/ALCOHOL

State law defines in a very precise manner the various classes of "controlled substances." Students should be made aware of the fact that the possession, use, and/or sale of illegal drugs may result in being fined and/or imprisoned. The police power of the state cannot be diminished or compromised by the actions of a school official seeking to help a student who has broken the law.

Any student who is in possession of illegal drugs or found to be selling illegal drugs or alcohol while under the jurisdiction of the school district will be turned over to local law enforcement agencies.

"Jurisdiction" as used above is defined as the scope of the school district relating to disciplinary matters. This scope includes authority in classrooms, on school buses, on all school property, during all school-related activities on or off school premises whether taking place during or outside of regular school hours.

Apprehension for possession and/or use of illegal drugs or alcohol will subject the student to immediate suspension for the maximum period.

Due process procedures for suspension and expulsion, such as a written notice to parents and the granting of hearings, will be followed as provided in the policy on suspension and expulsion.

The student who comes to school under the influence of an illegal drug or alcohol should be treated as a seriously ill person. Parents should be informed and requested to remove the student from school. A conference should be held as soon as practical with the student, parents, and family or school physician. When the student is able to make the judgment, the parents/guardians and a physician will declare in writing that the student is physically and psychologically capable of reentering school.

The school has the responsibility for conducting drug/alcohol education programs as well as supporting and cooperating with rehabilitation efforts.

This policy shall be posted on the district's website and notice shall be provided to all students and parents of this policy in accordance with state law. Additionally, the district shall file a copy of this policy with DESE in accordance with law in a manner requested by DESE

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 272:40A

CROSS REF.: IHAMA, Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco
GBEC, Drug Free Workplace Policy