

5530 - DRUG PREVENTION

The School Board recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the entire school community.

For purposes of this policy, "drugs" shall mean:

- A.** all dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Indiana statute;
- B.** all chemicals which release toxic vapors;
- C.** all alcoholic beverages;
- D.** tobacco and tobacco products;
- E.** any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy;
- F.** anabolic steroids;
- G.** any "look-alike" substances; (with intent to use, sell, or distribute)
- H.** any other illegal substance so designated and prohibited by law.

The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of any drug and any drug-related paraphernalia at any time on Corporation property or at any school-related event. It further establishes a drug-free zone within 1000 feet of any facility used by the Corporation for educational purposes.

Any student in violation of drug abuse will be suspended or expelled from school attendance, and the proper civil authorities will be notified. The length of the suspension or expulsion will be determined upon consultation with a professional and at the discretion of the administration will be as follows:

- A.** First offense – Up to five (5) day suspension from school attendance with compulsory professional help (to be verified) for a period of no less than five (5) sessions. Failure to comply with the "compulsory professional help" clause compels the principal to exercise step "b". The principal has the authority, if circumstances warrant, to recommend expulsion on the first offense.
- B.** Second offense – Suspension from school with the recommendation for expulsion from the principal.

The Superintendent shall prepare guidelines for the identification, amelioration, and regulation of drug use in the schools. Such guidelines shall:

- A.** emphasize the prevention of drug use;
- B.** provide for a comprehensive, age-appropriate, developmentally-based drug and alcohol education and prevention program which:

1. addresses the legal, social, psychological, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use;
 2. provides information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs and alcohol;
 3. assists students to develop skills to make responsible decisions about substance abuse and other important health issues;
 4. promotes positive emotional health, self-esteem, and respect for one's body;
 5. meets the minimal objectives as stated in the essential performance objectives for health education as established by the State's Department of Education;
- C.** include a statement to students that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful;
- D.** provide standards of conduct that are applicable to all students which clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as a part of any school activity;
- E.** provide information about any drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation and reentry programs available to students and provide procedures to direct students and their parents to the appropriate programs;
- F.** require that all parents and students be given a copy of the standards of conduct regarding the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students;
- G.** require the notification to parents and students that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory;
- H.** provide a biennial review of the School Corporation's program to determine its effectiveness and implement changes as needed and to ensure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced;
- I.** establish means for dealing with students suspected of drug use or suspected of possessing or distributing drugs in school and ensure that the Corporation's policy and administrative guidelines on Search and Seizure are complied with fully.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative guidelines necessary to implement this policy.

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20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq., Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986

20 U.S.C. 3224A