

SUBJECT: ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES (SCHOOL PERSONNEL)

The Board of Education, recognizing that students are often influenced by teachers and other members of a school's staff, impresses upon staff members the importance of maintaining a high level of professionalism appropriate to their position, which, in turn, shall set a positive example for students.

The Board, therefore, prohibits the consumption, sharing and/or selling, use and/or possession of illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs or alcoholic beverages in the workplace, or when the effects of such drugs and/or alcohol use may impair an employee's job performance.

The Board of Education recognizes the health hazards associated with smoking and in accordance with federal and state law, prohibits smoking or other tobacco use in all school buildings, on school property (including vehicles), or at school sponsored activities.

The Superintendent of Schools will have copies of this policy prominently posted in the workplace, and written copies will be available for employees upon request. In addition, the Superintendent will designate one or more agents responsible for informing individuals smoking in a non-smoking area that they are in violation of Article 13-E of the Public Health Law and/or the Federal Pro-Children Act.

Violators will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Drug-Testing of Employees

No employee shall be subjected to urinalysis or other form of drug testing without reasonable individualized suspicion that the employee has been using an illegal drug(s) or alcohol at place of employment. The school attorney shall be consulted before any implementation of such testing. Failure to submit to required drug testing based upon reasonable individualized suspicion that the employee has been using an illegal drug(s) is grounds for disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. In its effort to maintain a drug-free environment, the District shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible with local, state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

The Superintendent/designee shall periodically review the drug and alcohol abuse prevention program to determine its effectiveness and support appropriate modifications, as needed.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

20 United States Code (USC) Section 7101 et seq.

Civil Service Law Section 75

Education Law Sections 913, 1711(2)(e), 2508(5) and 3020-a

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #3410 -- Code of Conduct on School Property
#6530 -- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
#7320 -- Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)
District Code of Conduct on School Property

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