

Student Substance Abuse and Dependency

The Board of Education prohibits the possession, use, and/or distribution of any alcoholic beverage, controlled drug including anabolic steroids, or drug paraphernalia, or being under the influence of alcohol or any controlled drug on school property, at school sponsored events, on school transportation, and en route to and from school or school sponsored events by any means of travel. Students may carry a controlled drug that is legally prescribed for them by a medical professional under the conditions delineated in policy JHCD, Administration of Medicines to Students.

Recognizing the potential of each student and that drug or alcohol abuse and dependency can seriously impair a student's ability to learn, the schools will take positive actions to prevent such abuse and dependency. These actions will include substance abuse prevention education, early intervention, parental involvement, medical and/or assessment referral, and police referral in the handling of incidents in the schools involving the possession, sale, and/or use of behavior-affecting substances. Disciplinary procedures for violation of this policy will be detailed in the accompanying regulations.

Since Connecticut statutes are explicit regarding possession and use of illegal substances, it becomes the administrator's responsibility to insure that the statutes are enforced. That includes informing students about the illegal aspects of substance use; rights of students, teachers, and law enforcement agencies; rules on the control over school property; and disciplinary action for violations of the substance abuse policy.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes
10-16b. Prescribed course of study
10-19. Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome
10-154a. Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student. Surrender of physical evidence obtained from students
10-221(d). Boards of Education to prescribe rules
21a-240. Definitions, dependency producing drugs
21a-243. Regulations re schedules of controlled substances
21a-278. Penalty for illegal manufacture, distribution, sale, prescription, or administration by non-drug dependent person.

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