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DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

The Oyster River School District is committed to maintaining schools that are free of tobacco, alcohol and drug use. In order to promote the highest possible standards of learning, as well as the physical, social and emotional well-being of students, this policy is designed to: aid students in abstaining from the unlawful use of prohibited substances provide for early intervention when use is detected; and provide disciplinary action when necessary. Compliance with this policy is mandatory.

Any school staff member who has reason to suspect that a student has violated this policy is expected to report the incident to the appropriate administrator immediately.

A. Prevention

The Oyster River Cooperative School District (“ORCSD”) will provide students with information and activities focused on abstaining from prohibited substances. Such information and activities will address the legal, social and health consequences of these prohibited substances and will provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use prohibited substances. ORCSD will work in partnership with students, parents/guardians, local law enforcement officials, and other organizations as appropriate to eliminate these risks for students.

B. Intervention

ORCSD has Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselors to provide substance abuse assessments and referrals, assist students in addressing their harmful involvement with prohibited substances and in continuing their educational program. Information will be provided, as appropriate, about tobacco, alcohol and drug counseling and treatment programs available to students.

C. Rules and Sanctions

Students will not consume, smoke, possess, furnish, sell, receive, buy, manufacture, administer, dispense or be under the influence of prohibited substances before, during and after school hours; at school in any school building, on school property or within 1,000 feet of any school property; in any school-owned vehicle or in any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function (such as a field trip or athletic event) where students are under the jurisdiction of ORCSD; or at any time or place if the conduct directly interferes with the operation, discipline or welfare of the schools.

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The term “prohibited substance” shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Tobacco products mean cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless tobacco, smokeless cigarettes, e-cigarettes, liquid nicotine, products containing tobacco and tobacco in any other form;
2. Alcohol;
3. Controlled drugs or their analogs (as defined in RSA 318-B:1);
4. Controlled substances (as defined the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC § 812);
5. Prescription drugs not prescribed for the student and/or not in compliance with the Board’s policy on student medications (see Policy JLCD);
6. Any substance which can affect or change a student’s mental, physical or behavioral condition, including but not limited to volatile materials such as glue, paint or aerosols (when possessed for the purpose of inhalation);
7. Steroids or other performance-enhancing substances;
8. Paraphernalia – implements used for production, distribution or consumption of a prohibited substance; or
9. Any look-alike or counterfeit drug or substance that is described as or is purported to be a prohibited substance.

Any violation of the terms of this policy shall constitute sufficient grounds for student discipline, including suspension or expulsion from school, at the appropriate discretion of the administration and the Board. The School Resource Officer or other appropriate law enforcement authority shall also be notified of violations of this policy.

D. Additional Sanctions and Rules for Students Participating in Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities

Students participating in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, coaches/advisors, parents and school to set the highest possible example of conduct, sportsmanship and training, which includes avoiding any involvement with prohibited substances.

Legal References: 21 USC § 812 (Controlled Substances Act); 21CFR Part 1300.11-15
20 USC § 7101 et seq. (Safe Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act)
42 USC § 290dd-2; 42 CFR 2.1 et seq.
RSA 126k:2, 126k:6, 126k:7,175:1; 318-B:1; 318-C;193:13; 193-B; 193-D;
571-C:2

Cross References:

- JICH-R – Student Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Use Administrative Procedure
- JLCD – Administering Medication to Students