

ADDISON NORTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

SECTION: STUDENTS

CODE: C2

TITLE: STUDENT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Policy

It is the policy of the Addison Northwest School District that no student shall knowingly possess, use, sell, give or otherwise transmit, or be under the influence of any illegal drug, regulated substance, or alcohol on any school property (including school bus transportation) or at any school sponsored activity away from or within the school. In dealing with substance abuse cases, every effort will be made to promote responsible decision-making by the student involved and other students who are aware of another student's use or abuse. It is further the policy of the District to make appropriate referrals in cases of substance abuse.

Definitions

Substance abuse is the ingestion of a substance in such a way that it interferes with a person's ability to perform physically, intellectually, emotionally, or socially.

Drug means any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana or any other controlled substance as defined by state or federal regulation or statute.

Educational Program. The Superintendent and Principals shall work with appropriate staff members to develop and conduct an alcohol and drug abuse educational program as required by Vermont law. The program shall be consistent with the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Education Curriculum Plan. If the School District is the recipient of Federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act funds, the Act will be considered in the development of the alcohol and drug abuse educational program.

Support and Referral System. In each school, the Principal or his or her designee shall develop a support and referral system for screening students who refer themselves and students who are referred by staff for suspected drug and/or alcohol use and/or abuse problems.^[8] The support and referral system will include processes to determine the need for further screening, education, counseling or referral for treatment in each referred case.^[9] In addition, the principal shall establish procedures for administering emergency first aid related to alcohol and drug abuse.

Cooperative Agreements. The Superintendent and the Principals shall annually designate an individual to be responsible for providing information to students and parents or guardians about outside agencies that provide substance abuse prevention services and to encourage the use of their services and programs when appropriate.

The Addison Northwest School District, under a cooperative agreement with Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC) has established a Student Assistance Program. Students, under the age of eighteen, who have been referred or who refer themselves to the Student Assistance Program counselor may be seen individually by the counselor for purposes of substance abuse screening and consultation. It will be

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the goal of the Student Assistance Program to encourage the student to involve his/her parents or guardians at the earliest point in time.

Staff Training. The Superintendent and Principals will work with appropriate staff to provide training for teachers and health and guidance personnel who teach or provide other services required in the school's alcohol and drug abuse prevention education program. The training provided will meet the requirements of State Board Rules related to staff training.

Community Involvement. The Superintendent and Principals will work with school staff and community members to implement a program to inform the community about substance abuse issues in accord with State Board of Education rules.

Annual Report. In a standard format provided by the Agency of Education, the Superintendent and Principals or their designee will submit an annual report to the Secretary of Education describing substance abuse education programs and their effectiveness.

Notification. The Superintendent and Principals shall ensure that parents and students are given a copy of the standards of conduct and disciplinary sanctions contained in the procedures related to this policy and are notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory. Notice to students will, at a minimum, be provided through the inclusion of these standards and sanctions in the student handbook will be made available to all students at the beginning of each school year or when a student enrolls in the school.

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Date Adopted: May 31, 2017
Legal Reference(s): 20 U.S.C. §§1701 et seq. (Safe & Drug-Free Schools & Communities Act of 1994)
16 V.S.A. §909 (Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Education Curriculum)
16 V.S.A. 131(9) (Comprehensive Health Education)
16 V.S.A. §1045 (Driver Training Course)
16 V.S.A. §1165 (Alcohol and drug abuse)
18 V.S.A. §4226 (Drugs: minors, treatment, consent)
Vt. State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices §§4200 -4215
Cross Reference: Student Conduct and Discipline (C20)
Search and Seizure (C21)