

## STUDENT DRUG ABUSE

The Board recognizes its share of the responsibility for the health, welfare, and good of the students who attend the district's schools. The Board is concerned about the community problem of drug abuse and further recognizes that the use of narcotic drugs, depressants, and other controlled substances illegally and /or inappropriately constitutes a hazard to the positive development of students. Therefore, the district's policy on drugs requires:

1. The education of students to bring about awareness and understanding of the dangers inherent in the use of controlled drugs.
2. The provision in each school of counseling services that will make it possible for drug-troubled students to seek and get counseling any time without fear of reprisal and with assurance of the confidentiality of the counseling.
3. Emergency health and safety care which may be in order for students under the active influence of drugs at school or in connection with any school activity.
4. Close cooperation by school officials with parents or guardians of students seriously suspected or reliably reported to be illegally involved with controlled drugs. This requires that parents be notified and conferences with them arranged when suspicion of drug abuse in any form (use, possession, or distribution) is sufficiently founded. This is intended as a time when school officials may work with parents or guardians without involving law enforcement agencies and without taking disciplinary action.
5. The prohibition of the use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs on school property or in connection with any school activity. Violation of this provision must be reported to the proper law enforcement agency and is cause for suspension from school.
6. Any person caught in the possession, use or distribution of controlled substance or marijuana will be restricted from participation in extra-curricular activities as sanctions by the SDHSAA for one year. A second offense will result in permanent ineligibility from extra-curricular activities sanctioned by the SDHSAA.

The superintendent will be responsible for developing legally sound procedures for implementation of this policy.

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