

## **SUBJECT: ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES**

The Board of Education recognizes that the misuse of drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco is a serious problem with legal, physical, emotional and social implications for the entire community. Therefore, the consumption, sharing and/or selling, use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs, or paraphernalia for the use of such drugs is prohibited at any school-sponsored event or on school property at all times. The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be disallowed. Persons shall be banned from entering school grounds or school-sponsored events when exhibiting behavioral, personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol or other substances.

Through the collaborative efforts of staff, students, parents/guardians and the community as a whole, a comprehensive program shall be developed addressing alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substances to include the following elements:

### **Primary Prevention**

Preventing or delaying alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substance use/abuse by students shall be the major focus of a comprehensive K through 12 program in which proactive measures of prevention and early intervention are emphasized. This program shall include:

- A sequential K through 12 curriculum based on recognized principles of effectiveness that is developed and incorporated into the total educational process. This curriculum shall be concerned with education and prevention in all areas of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substances uses/abuse.
- Training school personnel and parents/guardians to reinforce the components of the policy through in-service and community education programs with up-to-date factual information and materials.
- An effort to provide positive alternatives to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances use/abuse through the promotion of drug/tobacco/alcohol-free special events, service projects and extracurricular activities that will develop and support a positive peer influence.

### **Intervention**

School-based intervention services shall be made available to all students, grades K through 12, and provided by prevention professionals who are appropriately trained in this area. The purpose of intervention is to eliminate any existing use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances and to identify students considered to be at risk for use/abuse. Intervention programming shall include:

- a) Counseling of students in groups and as individuals on alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substance use/abuse. Counselors shall be appropriately trained and skilled school staff assigned for this purpose.
- b) Referring students to community or other outside agencies when their use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substances requires additional counseling or treatment. Referral is a key link in school and community efforts and the process is basic to the dissemination of information regarding available counseling and health services;

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- c) Providing a supportive school environment designed to continue the recovery process for students returning from treatment. A re-entry program may include continuing student and/or family counseling and emphasizing positive alternatives to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substance use/abuse.
- d) Developing a parent network to serve as a support group and provide a vehicle of communication for parent education;
- e) Ensuing confidentiality as required by state and federal law.

### **Standards of Intervention for Students**

If a student is suspected of alcohol or drug possession, or if a student appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, then the following steps will be taken:

- a) The student will not be left alone;
- b) The building principal or designee will be notified;
- c) If consumption is suspected, the school nurse will see the student to determine if further medical intervention is needed;
- d) If possession of an illegal substance is found, the police will be notified by the building principal.
- e) The parents or legal guardians will be notified.
- f) The building principal will report the information regarding the student to the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, who will inform the Superintendent
- g) The student will be referred to the student assistance counselor for three mandatory sessions. The focus of these meetings will be to evaluate the nature of the student's problem and to make recommendations for appropriate intervention.
- h) Please reference the South Huntington School District's Code of Conduct.

### **Disciplinary Measures**

Disciplinary measures for students consuming, sharing and or selling, using and/or possessing alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs, or paraphernalia for the use of such drugs shall be outlined in the District's Code of Conduct on school property.

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## **Staff Development**

There shall be ongoing training of District staff about the components of an effective alcohol, tobacco and other substances program. Training shall include, but not be limited to, District policies and regulations and the staff's role in implementing such policies and regulations. Teachers shall be trained to implement the District's K-12 alcohol, tobacco and other substance prevention curricula, intervention staff shall be suitably trained to carry out appropriate services.

## **Implementation, Dissemination and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to implement the alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substances Board policy by collaboration with school personnel, students, parents/guardians and the community at large.

Additionally, copies of Board policy shall be disseminated to District staff, parents/guardians and community members. 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  
20 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 7101 et. Sea.

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