

STUDENT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE

POLICY STATEMENT

- A. The School District of New London recognizes that the use of alcohol and other drugs, and the problems associated with it, are becoming increasingly more commonplace in our society. The school district recognizes that, in many instances, a person's misuse or abuse of alcohol and other drugs can lead to the illnesses of alcoholism and other chemical dependencies. The School District of New London regards alcohol and other drug abuse, addiction or dependency as it does any other behavioral problem. The following Student Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Policy and Procedures will be used by school officials.
- B. No student shall use, possess, distribute, sell or have ingested within the body any quantity of drugs or intoxicants while on the school premises or while involved in any school related activity. The possession, use, distribution or sale of look-alike drugs and the possession of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited.
- C. This policy does not prohibit the authorized use of prescription drugs with the written permission of the student's parent/guardian and physician.
- D. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established procedures as well as referral to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
- E. The School District of New London will continue developing its instructional programs to meet present and future needs related to drug and alcohol abuse education. Basic attitudes that lead to drug and alcohol abuse will be dealt with along with the facts regarding legal, physical and psychological results arising from abuse.
- F. A copy of this policy and any implementing rules shall be distributed annually to student and their parents/guardians. Also, there shall be an annual review of the policy and rules in accordance with federal law.

POLICY PROCEDURE

- A. Definitions:
 - 1. Intoxicants: All fermented malt beverages (including beer and malt liquor) and intoxicating liquors as defined by state law.
 - 2. Drugs: All controlled substances, prescription drugs and narcotics as defined by state law.
 - 3. Drug Paraphernalia: Drug paraphernalia as defined by state law.
 - 4. Look-Alike Drugs: Look-alike drugs as defined by state law.
 - 5. Alcohol Abuse Problem: Anyone under the influence of intoxicants while on school premises or while involved in any school-related activity.

6. Drug Abuse Problem: Anyone under the influence of drugs, who is not under the supervision of a licensed physician, while on school premises or while involved in any school-related activity.

B. Teacher referral of suspected problem:

1. The teacher suspecting a drug or alcohol abuse problem will refer the student to the principal, or his/her designee.
2. When a student is found to be in possession or use of any quantity of drugs or intoxicants while on the school premises or while involved in any school-related activity, the student will be referred to the principal, or his/her designee, who will notify the parent(s)/guardian if the student is a minor. Any illegal drugs or intoxicants confiscated may be referred to the police; except that a school psychologist, counselor, social worker, nurse, or any teacher or administrator designated by the School Board who engages in alcohol or drug abuse program activities shall keep confidential any information received from a student that the student or another student is using or is experiencing problems resulting from the use of alcohol or other drugs.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the principal to have previously notified all students that their assignment and use of School District of New London owned lockers shall commit them to comply with the procedures as established in this rule. The search of a locker will involve the principal, or his/her designee (a member of the staff), and may be in the presence of the student.
4. While working with the parent(s)/guardian or a minor or with the adult student, the principal or his/her designee will determine if a counselor, a school nurse or doctor should see the student. A counselor will follow the situation after any referral, if recommended by the principal or his/her designee.
5. The student may be subject to suspension or expulsion from school following a referral. Such suspension or expulsion shall be in accordance with state law and established procedures. After the evidence has been explained to the student and if the student denies the charges, he/she shall be given an opportunity to explain his/her version of the alleged offense.
6. At school-sponsored events, chaperones will notify the principal, or his/her designee, of suspected drug or alcohol abuse problems. The principal, or his/her designee, will determine if a problem exists. If so, he/she will notify the student's parent or guardian, if a minor, and may also initiate other steps in this rule.

C. The seller, dealer or pusher:

If the student is suspected or found to be distributing, selling or possessing with the intention of selling drugs or intoxicants on the school premises or while involved in any school-related activity, this procedure is to be followed:

1. The student will be immediately referred to the principal, or his/her designee, who will investigate the situation. If in the judgment of the principal or his/her designee the accusation has merit, he/she will notify the parents or guardians, if the student is a minor, and the police. Any drugs or intoxicants confiscated will be referred to the police.

2. The student will be subject to suspension from school. Such suspension shall be in accordance with state law and established procedures. After the evidence has been explained to the student and if the student denies the charges, he/she shall be given an opportunity to explain his/her version of the alleged offense.
 3. The student may be recommended to the Board for expulsion in accordance with state law and established procedures following suspension. Any consideration of expulsion for exceptional educational need (EEN) students will conform to statutes.
- D. The administration will take the following steps when the Board's student alcohol and other drug abuse policy is violated:
1. Selling and/or distribution of alcohol or drugs:
 - a. Contact police.
 - b. Contact parent or guardian.
 - c. Suspension.
 - d. Contact Drug and Alcohol Assistance Team (the Drug and Alcohol Assistance Team is made up of professional staff who assist students in finding help).
 - e. May recommend expulsion.
 2. Possession or use of alcohol or drugs:
 - a. Contact police.
 - b. Contact parent or guardian.
 - c. Possible suspension.
 - d. Contact Drug and Alcohol Assistance Team.
 - e. May recommend expulsion.
 3. Possession or use of look-alike drugs:
 - a. Contact police.
 - b. Confiscate look-alike drugs.
 - c. Contact parent or guardian.
 - d. Possible suspension.
 - e. Contact Drug and Alcohol Assistance Team.
 - f. May recommend expulsion.
 4. Suspected of having used or ingested in one's system alcohol or drugs (cases will be handled on an individual basis using any or all of the following alternatives):

- a. Contact parent or guardian.
 - b. Possible suspension.
 - c. Contact Drug and Alcohol Assistance Team.
 - d. May contact police.
5. Possession of drug paraphernalia:
- a. Confiscate paraphernalia.
 - b. Contact parent or guardian.
 - c. Contact Drug and Alcohol Assistance Team.
 - d. Possible suspension.
 - e. May recommend expulsion.
6. Emergency:
- a. Initiate school's emergency plan.
 - b. May contact city paramedics or family doctor.
 - c. Notify parent or guardian.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Section 118.257 Wisconsin Statutes
Section 120.13(l) Wisconsin Statutes
Section 125.02(8m) Wisconsin Statutes
Section 125.037 Wisconsin Statutes
Section 125.09(2) Wisconsin Statutes
Chapter 161
Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989

CROSS-REFERENCE: 465 Student Referral Process for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs