

Regulation: Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

In accordance with the accompanying policy (JICH), the following procedures are established for addressing alcohol- or drug-related misconduct. These procedures will supplement and complement authority conferred elsewhere by District policy and will not be deemed to limit or suspend such other authority. Students shall be disciplined as appropriate in accordance with District policy JKD/JKE.

Use

1. When a student is suspected of using drugs or alcohol, the person having the suspicion should notify the school director (or designee). Notification must include reasons for such suspicion (observed use, unusual behavior, etc.). The school director (or designee) will conduct a check of the suspected student and collect data. This action must comply with the District policy on interrogations and searches.
 - a. If information is not sufficient to warrant further action, the school director (or designee) may have a personal conference with the student expressing awareness and concern.
 - b. If information warrants, the parent/guardian will be requested to attend a conference at school. The conference may include sharing the data collected, explaining consequences of involvement with drugs/alcohol, developing a plan of action, and offering the parent or guardian general information and resources related to substance abuse.
2. When necessary, emergency health and safety care will be provided and any procedural or disciplinary issues postponed until the student's immediate needs are treated.

Possession, Distribution, and Exchange

Students who possess or are involved in any distribution or exchange of alcohol, drugs, other controlled substances or drug-containing or drug-related paraphernalia in violation of District policy will be handled in the following manner:

1. A staff member who comes in contact with evidence and/or contraband shall notify the school director (or designee) as soon as possible
2. A staff member who has reasonable cause to believe that a student possesses or is involved in any distribution or exchange of alcohol, any controlled substance, or drug-containing or drug-related paraphernalia in violation of District policy will request that the student accompany him or her to the school director (or designee).

If the student refuses, the staff member will notify the school director (or designee) as soon as possible.

3. The school director (or designee) will undertake investigation and search procedures as outlined in District policy.
4. The school director (or designee) will place any evidence in an envelope or alternative container as necessary which will be sealed, dated, and initialed by the individual who originally obtained the materials and by the school director (or designee). The evidence then will be placed in the school safe or other secure location.
5. The school director (or designee) shall refer the student to appropriate law enforcement officials in accordance with applicable law. A mutual decision will be made as to retention of the contraband by the school or testing by the authorities.
6. If information warrants, the parent/guardian will be requested to attend a conference at school. The conference may include sharing the data collected, explaining consequences of involvement with drugs/alcohol, developing a plan of action, and offering the parent or guardian general information and resources related to substance abuse.

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