

STUDENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE

It is the responsibility of every staff member to immediately report any indication of substance abuse to the administration.

No student shall offer, sell, attempt to sell, transfer, use or have possession of abusive substances, real or otherwise, such as drugs, alcohol, etc. on school property and/or school related functions.

No student shall use, have possession, sell, attempt to sell or transfer any devices which are designed primarily to facilitate the ingestion or inhalation of illegal drugs.

No student shall directly or indirectly falsely represent a counterfeit controlled substance as a controlled substance.

No student shall knowingly possess any counterfeit controlled substance, nor shall any student knowingly make, sell, offer to sell, give, package or deliver a counterfeit controlled substance.

The following procedures will be followed when the Substance Abuse Policy is violated:

A. First Offense

1. The principal may suspend the student for up to ten (10) days in compliance with the student due process procedures.
2. The principal/assistant principal will attempt to notify the parents/guardian by phone to explain the incident, arrange a conference and follow up the notification in writing.
3. When a law is thought to be violated, the principal/assistant principal will notify the proper authorities.
4. The principal/assistant principal will notify the appropriate substance abuse counselor.
5. Students will be required to take part in an evaluation/intervention process through the school if he/she does not choose to have an outside evaluation. It is strongly recommended that the student seek a professional evaluation from a trained chemical dependency counselor or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency. The Columbia Schools believe that early intervention means less destruction for the student who may be harmfully involved and a greater likelihood of recovery. If the student agrees to the professional evaluation, the suspension may be limited to five (5) days, pending proof of evaluation.
6. The contacted agency or office will notify the school principal/assistant principal that the client has made contact and is willing to comply with the appropriate treatment process.

B. Second Offense

1. The principal may suspend the student for a period of ten (10) days in compliance with the student due process procedures.

2. The principal/assistant principal will contact the parents/ guardian to arrange a conference.
3. The principal/assistant principal will notify the proper authorities if a law is thought to be violated.
4. The principal/assistant principal will notify a trained chemical dependency counselor.
5. The principal will recommend to the superintendent of schools that the student be expelled unless the following procedure is followed:
 - a. The student must agree to be evaluated by a trained chemical dependency counselor or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency for a professional opinion concerning use/misuse/addiction.
 - b. The contacted agency or office will notify the school principal/assistant principal that the client has made contact and is willing to comply with the appropriate treatment process. Based on the data that the student is being evaluated and appropriate procedures agreed upon are being followed, the student will not be recommended for expulsion.

C. Third Offense

1. The principal will suspend the student for ten (10) days and will recommend to the superintendent of schools that the student be expelled in compliance with student due process procedures.
2. The principal/assistant principal will notify the proper authorities in the event a law is thought to be violated.

Clarifications:

1. Absence while suspended out of school or expelled is unexcused; thus school work missed cannot be made up.
2. The offenses are cumulative during a pupil's years in K-12.

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