

STUDENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

The South Shore Board of Education recognizes that drug and alcohol abuse is a growing problem within the elementary and secondary schools of the nation and recognizes it as a behavioral/medical problem.

No student shall use, possess, distribute, exchange, sell or possess with intent to sell, or be under the influence of illegal drugs or intoxicants while on the school premises or while involved in any school-related activity.

A student may be required to submit to a breath test to determine the presence of alcohol if a school official or law enforcement officer has reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of alcohol in violation of this policy. Such test shall be administered by a law enforcement officer or trained school district employee and shall meet state law requirements. A student may be disciplined for refusing to submit to such test.

One of the goals of the schools is to provide help, guidance and referral for treatment when a student shows indication of a possible behavioral/medical problem. An equally important goal is to provide for every student a healthy and appropriate atmosphere in which to seek an education. The South Shore School District becomes concerned when an individual student's welfare and performance are affected during the school day, on school grounds or during a school-related activity and when an individual student's behavior affects the health, safety and welfare of other students. Therefore, any student exhibiting a continuing problem with or suspected of being under the influence of drugs or intoxicants should be referred to designated administrative, guidance or health personnel in accordance with established procedures.

The South Shore School District will continue developing its instructional program 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.

Guidelines supporting this policy will be made available to all professional staff members. In addition, school personnel will be encouraged to develop increasing awareness of the problem through in-service activities. In-service programs shall be planned to develop the staff's competency in dealing with drug and alcohol problems and to make them aware of available community resources.

This policy, along with its accompanying regulations, shall be printed in student handbooks.

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LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.125 Wisconsin Statutes
 118.126
 118.24(2)(f)

 118.257
 120.13(1)
 125.02(8m)
 125.037
 125.09(2)
 Chapter 961

CROSS REF.: 446, Student Discipline

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