

SCHROON LAKE

5312.1

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

The Board of Education sets forth the following policy for the purpose of educating and protecting the school and community against the misuse of harmful and illegal drugs including alcohol.

Drug abuse is a community-wide problem. Education in the dangers of drug abuse is a responsibility of the school. The school will cooperate with officials of the agencies which have primary responsibility for control of drug traffic and the threat of drug-dependent youth.

The sale, possession, or use of alcohol or other substances in school, on school grounds or vehicles, and at any school activities is prohibited whether or not school is in session. The term alcohol and/or other substances shall be construed throughout this policy to refer to the use of all substances including, but not limited to, alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, a-cigarettes and any of those substances commonly referred to as designer drugs. The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be prohibited.

Additionally, the following persons shall be prohibited from entering school grounds or school-sponsored events: any person exhibiting behavior, conduct, or personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol and/or other substances, or any person who school personnel have reasonable grounds to suspect has used alcohol and/or other substances.

In order to educate students on the dangers associated with substance abuse, the health education curriculum shall include instruction concerning drug abuse for grades K-12.

Any staff member observing narcotics possession or usage by students shall report the incident immediately to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall then seek immediate action. Any narcotics found shall be confiscated immediately, followed by notification of the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student(s) involved and the appropriate disciplinary action taken, up to and including permanent suspension and referral for prosecution. In its effort to maintain a drug-free environment, the district shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible with local, state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

The district will use the following principles as guidelines for the development of its substance use/abuse prevention efforts and for any disciplinary measures related to alcohol and other substances:

Alcohol and other substance use/abuse is preventable and treatable.

Alcohol and other substance use/abuse inhibits the district from carrying out its central mission of educating students.

The behavior of the Board, the administration, and all school staff should model the behavior asked of students.

While the district can and must assume a leadership role in alcohol and other substance use/abuse prevention, this goal will be accomplished only through coordinated, collaborative efforts with parents, students, staff, and the community as a whole.

Cross-ref: 5310, Student Discipline
5330, Searches and Interrogations
5430, Student Psychological Services
8135, Safe Schools
9610, Staff Substance Abuse

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