

## STUDENT ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO USE

In order to promote the highest possible standards of learning, as well as the physical, social and emotional well-being of students, this policy is designed to aid students in abstaining from the unlawful use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco; provide for early intervention when use is detected or a student seeks help; and provide consequences for policy violations.

This policy is also intended to support and encourage students to meet the standards for ethical and responsible behavior identified in the Student Code of Conduct: Respect, Honesty, Compassion, Fairness, Responsibility and Courage.

Student compliance with this policy is mandatory. Any school staff member who has reason to suspect that a student has violated this policy is expected to report the incident to an appropriate administrator as soon as possible.

This policy shall be disseminated through student-parent handbooks and reviewed with students in assemblies or other appropriate forums.

### A. Prevention

The School Department will provide students with information and activities focused on abstaining from the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. Such information and activities will address the legal, social and health consequences of alcohol, drug and tobacco use and will provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use alcohol, drugs and tobacco. The School Department will work in partnership with students, parents, social service organizations and local law enforcement to reduce risks for students where possible.

### B. Intervention

The School Department provides assistance through appropriate school staff, such as social workers and guidance counselors, to intervene and counsel students who are involved with alcohol, drugs and tobacco and to assist students in continuing their education. Information will be provided, as appropriate, about outside programs and resources that are available to assist students.

### C. Prohibited Conduct

Students are prohibited from consuming, possessing, furnishing, selling, receiving, buying, manufacturing or being under the influence of prohibited substances before, during and after school hours:

- At school, in any school building or on any school premises;
- In any school-owned vehicle or in any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities;

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- Off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function (such as a field trip or athletic event) where students are under the jurisdiction of the school unit; and
- At any time or place if the student's conduct directly interferes with the operation, discipline or welfare of the schools.

Students who participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are subject to additional rules and sanctions (see Board Policy JJJ).

### D. Prohibited Substances

The term "prohibited substance" shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Alcohol;
2. Scheduled drugs (as defined in 17-A MRSA § 1101);
3. Controlled substances (as defined in the federal Controlled Substance Act, 21 USC § 812);
4. Tobacco products of any kind;
5. Prescription drugs not prescribed for the student and/or not in compliance with the Board's policy on administering medications to students (see Board Policy JLCD);
6. Any substance which can affect or change a student's mental, physical or behavior pattern, including but not limited to volatile materials such as glue, paint or aerosols (when possessed for the purpose of inhalation);
7. Steroids or any substance on the Maine Department of Health and Human Services' list of banned performance-enhancing substances;
8. Paraphernalia – implements used for distribution or consumption of a prohibited substance; or
9. Any look-alike drug or substance that is described as or is purported to be a prohibited substance defined in this section.

### E. Consequences for Policy Violations

The consequences for violations of this policy and other information concerning implementation of this policy are contained in the accompanying administrative procedure, JICH-R.

Legal Reference: 21 USC § 812 (Controlled Substance Act); 21 CFR Part 1300.11-15  
 20 USC § 7101 et seq. (Safe Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act)  
 17-A MRSA § 1101  
 42 USC § 290dd-2; 42 CFR 2.1 et seq.  
 20-A MRSA §§ 1001(9); 4008; 6621  
 22 MRSA § 1578-B  
 Me PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use by Minors)  
 20 USC § 6081 (Pro-Children Act of 2001)

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Cross Reference: JICH-R – Student Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use Administrative Procedure  
JIC – Student Code of Conduct  
JICA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety  
JKD – Suspension of Students  
JKE – Expulsion of Students  
JLCD – Administering Medications to Students  
JRA – Student Education Records  
JJJ – Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities Eligibility and Code of Conduct