

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SRSD File: JICH

STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE

Statement of Purpose:

The Sanborn Regional School District has NO tolerance for the use/abuse of illegal substances. The purpose of this policy is to clearly state the Sanborn Regional School District's position on the use and/or abuse of illegal substances by students.

This policy is designed to help eradicate the influence of drugs, alcohol, and other chemicals from within the school environment. It is designed to protect students and to act as a deterrent to the student use of illegal substances. It is also designed to provide appropriate consequences for students that violate this policy.

Definitions:

For the purposes of this policy, a controlled substance shall include any controlled substance as defined in the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812(c), or RSA 318-B, Controlled Drug Act. Alcohol shall include any intoxicating beverage. Derivatives of controlled substances including but not limited to edible delivery systems and extracts of controlled substances are also considered the same as the substances themselves. "Drug paraphernalia" as used in this policy shall be defined as any device or material that is commonly used as part of illegal substance use or distribution.

Statement of Policy:

The use, sale, transfer, distribution, possession or being under the influence of unauthorized prescription drugs, alcohol, narcotics, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, and/or illegal drugs is prohibited on any school district property, in any district-owned vehicle, or in any other district-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or district activities. This prohibition also applies to any district-sponsored or district-approved activity, event or function.

The use, sale, attempted sale, transfer or possession of drug-related paraphernalia is prohibited.

Students are prohibited from knowingly being in the presence of these substances or paraphernalia while the products are visible or in use, whether they are actively using these products or not.

Students may only be in possession of medication as detailed in Board Policy [JLCD](#). Searches of persons reasonably suspected to be in violation of this policy will be conducted in accordance with Board Policy [JIH](#).

Any student who is found by the administration to be in violation of this policy shall be referred to local law enforcement and subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension, expulsion or other discipline in accordance with the district's disciplinary policy. Strict compliance is mandatory. The school principal shall immediately report all incidents involving a controlled substance to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the superintendent. All controlled substances shall be turned over to local law enforcement.

Students with disabilities who violate this policy will be disciplined in accordance with the student's Individual Education Program (IEP.)

Any student suspected of violating this policy shall be removed from the premises and a report shall be written in accordance with [RSA 193-D:1-4](#), which defines Safe School Zones and the procedures which must be followed when violations occur within them. When warranted, site administrators shall request the assistance of law enforcement agencies in order to deal appropriately with such students. All site administrators and school employees are directed to cooperate fully with law enforcement personnel, and are directed to report to them any and all information that would be considered beneficial in their efforts to stem and discourage illegal substance use.

Site administrators are directed to include in the student handbook of each school, copies of this policy and the penalties set out in Policy JICH-R.

Related:

See also: Policy JK

Legal Reference:

21 U.S.C. § 812(c), Controlled Substances Act
RSA 318-C, Controlled Drug Act
RSA 571-C:2, Intoxicating Beverages at Interscholastic Athletic Contests

History:

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