

STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Policy

It is the policy of the South Burlington School District that no student shall knowingly possess, use, sell, give, or otherwise transmit, or be under the influence of any illegal drug, regulated substance, (other than prescribed to them by their physician and used in accordance with the student medication procedures) or alcohol on any school property, or at any school sponsored activity away from or within the school.¹ It is further the policy of the district to make appropriate referrals in cases of substance abuse.

Definitions

Substance Abuse is the ingestion of drugs and or alcohol in such a way that it interferes with a person's ability to perform physically, intellectually, emotionally, or socially.²

Drug means any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, or any other controlled substance as defined by state or federal regulation or statute.³

Educational Program

The Superintendent shall work with appropriate staff members to develop and conduct an alcohol and drug abuse educational program.⁴ The program shall be consistent with the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Education Curriculum Plan⁵. If the school district is a recipient of federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act funds, the Act will be considered in the development of the alcohol and drug abuse educational program.⁶

Support and Referral System

In each school the principal or designee shall form a Substance Abuse Team, which shall screen students who refer themselves and students who are referred by staff for suspected drug and/or alcohol use and/or abuse problems. The membership of the team and the procedures to be used by the team will be developed by the principal and disseminated in writing to the building faculty and staff. The Team will determine the need for further screening, education, counseling or referral for treatment in each case referred to it.

¹ 16 V.S.A. § 1165(a). See also 18 V.S.A. § 4237 making it unlawful for any person to sell or dispense any regulated drug to minors or to any other person on school property or property adjacent to a school.

² Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices, Rule 4211

³ See definitions of narcotic drugs and hallucinogenic drugs in 18 V.S.A. §4201; and controlled substance in 41 U.S.C. §706(3) and 21 U.S.C. §812.

⁴ 16 V.S.A. §131(9); SBE Rule 4213.1

⁵ SBE Rule 4212.2 requiring that education program be consistent with this Plan.

⁶ 20 U.S.C. §§7101 et seq.

In each school the principal or designee shall develop a support and referral system for screening students who refer themselves, and students who are referred by staff, for suspected drug and/or alcohol use and/or abuse problems.⁷ The support and referral system will include processes to determine the need for further screening, education, counseling, or referral for treatment in each referred case.⁸ In addition, the principal shall establish procedures for administering emergency first aid related to alcohol and drug abuse.⁹

Cooperative Agreements¹⁰

The Superintendent shall annually identify an individual to be responsible for providing information to students and parents or guardians about outside agencies that provide substance abuse prevention services and to encourage the use of their services and programs when appropriate.

The South Burlington School District, has entered into a cooperative agreement with our designated agency the Howard Center for Human Services. The Howard Center will provide substance abuse treatment to students who are referred through the school's support and referral system, or who refer themselves for treatment.

Staff Training

The Superintendent will work with appropriate staff to provide training for teachers and health and guidance personnel who teach or provide other services in the school's alcohol and drug abuse prevention education program. The training provided will meet the requirements of State Board Rules related to staff training.¹¹

Community Involvement

The Superintendent will work with school staff and community members to implement a program to inform the community about substance abuse issues in accord with State Board of Education rules.¹²

Annual Report

In a standard format provided by the Agency of Education, the Superintendent or designee will submit an annual report to the Secretary of Education describing substance abuse education programs and their effectiveness.¹³

⁷ SBE Rule 4212.3

⁸ SBE Rule 4212.3D.

⁹ SBE Rule 4212.3B. SBE Rule 4212.3B requires that each "...school district policy...establish procedures for administering first aid related to alcohol and drug abuse. The procedures will define the roles of the personnel involved."

¹⁰ SBE Rule 4212.3.

¹¹ SBE Rule 4213.2. See also SBE Rule 4212.3C.

¹² SBE Rule 4214 does not require that this paragraph be included in a school board policy. The rule does require that schools engage in community programs "...to inform the community about the school's alcohol and drug prevention education program, alcohol and drug abuse prevention issues, and community-wide responsibility for effective alcohol and drug abuse prevention." This paragraph could be included in administrative procedures developed in conjunction with this policy.

¹³ SBE Rule 4215 does not require that this paragraph be included in a school board policy. The rule does require that the school's annual report include information on substance abuse education programs. This paragraph could be included in administrative procedures developed in conjunction with this policy.

Notification

The Superintendent shall ensure that parents and students are given copies of the standards of conduct and disciplinary consequences contained in this policy and accompanying procedures, and are notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory. Notice to students will, at a minimum, be provided through inclusion of these standards and consequences in the student handbook distributed to all students at the beginning of each school year or when a student enrolls in the school.¹⁴

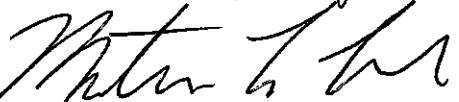
¹⁴ This section is not required by law, but could be included in a school board policy to ensure that adequate notice of the school district's policy and procedures related to alcohol and drug abuse is given to students and parents.

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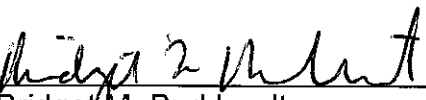
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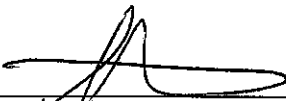
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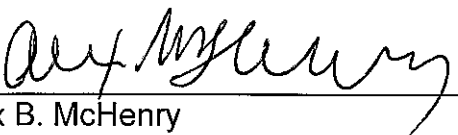
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Legal Reference(s)

20 U.S.C. §§7101 et seq. (Safe & Drug-Free Schools & Communities Act of 1994)

16 V.S.A. §909 (Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Education Curriculum)

16 V.S.A. 131(9) (Comprehensive Health Education)

16 V.S.A. §1045(b)(Driver Training Course)

16 V.S.A. §1165 (Alcohol and drug abuse)

18 V.S.A. §4226 (Drugs: minors, treatment, consent)

Vt. State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices §§4200 -4215)

Cross Reference:

Student Conduct and Discipline (F1)

Search and Seizure (F3)

Interrogations or Searches of Students by Law Enforcement)

Officers or Other Non-School Personnel (F5)