

Board Policy Document

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## **STUDENT PERSONNEL**

### ***Series 500***

**Policy Title: Drug/Tobacco/Alcohol-Free Schools**

**Code Number: AR504.15**

#### ***Substance Use/Abuse***

Definitions:

Substance abuse: Sale, or unauthorized use/abuse or possession of, alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs as defined by local, state, or federal law.

Social Health Team/Student Teacher Assistance Team: A multi-disciplinary school-based team composed of school employees and members of community agencies that meet on an ongoing basis to address high risk issues including alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse.

Alcohol: Alcohol, wine, or beer.

Tobacco Products

Other Drugs: Controlled substances, simulated controlled substances, and counterfeit substances as those terms are defined by the Iowa Code. The term “drugs” also means substances which are or can be used to alter an individual’s mood or which can impair an individual’s faculties, and medically prescribed drugs which are not used as prescribed. The term “drugs” does not include medically prescribed drugs which are used as prescribed and are medically necessary and does not include non-prescription drugs provided intake is proportionate to medical needs.

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***Social Health Team/Student Teacher Assistance Team***

A Social Health Team/Student Teacher Assistance Team will be in place at each school that includes:

1. An identification system which:
  - a. Is proactive and demonstrates concern for students' emotional, physical, and intellectual well being.
  - b. Is responsive to staff, parent, student, self-referrals, and other.
  - c. Is attentive to changes in patterns of a student's behavior and attitudes.
  - d. Provides a mechanism for referral to appropriate agencies.

***Supportive/Caring School Environment***

The schools are to:

1. Develop and maintain systems that will facilitate the continuation of a student's education while in treatment.
2. Be supportive of students who have received or are in the process of receiving treatment for alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs

***District Personnel Awareness Program***

Faculty and staff inserviced on:

1. Signs and symptoms of alcohol and other drug abuse.

***Substance Abuse—Discipline\****

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Alcohol/Tobacco/or Other Drugs, use or distribution:

No person shall consume an alcoholic beverage or be intoxicated on any public school property, while attending or participating in a school-related activity.

The use of tobacco products shall be prohibited while attending or participating in a school-related activity. The use by any student of any controlled substance shall be prohibited while such student is on school premises or in attendance or participating in a school-related activity.

Alcohol/Tobacco/Drugs, possession of:

No person shall possess an alcoholic beverage, illegally possess tobacco products, or a controlled substance unless such substance was obtained directly from a valid medical prescription.

Possessing or Using Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs\*\*

\*Sioux City Community School District Student Code K-12 Discipline Expectations and Enforcement Guidelines

\*\*Sioux City Community School District Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Code of Conduct

1. Staff—Suspected or witness of violation of Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug Policy

Staff members who suspect the existence of a health problem because of observable student behaviors such as: slurred speech, dilated or constricted pupils, staggering, incoherent speech, or other uncharacteristic abnormal behavior shall proceed as follows:

- a. Obtain the student's name.
- b. Inform the student that they are exhibiting behaviors of concern.
- c. Take note of any others that may have witnessed the behavior.
- d. Provide an escort for the student to the administrator's office.

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- e. Document the details of the incident.

Administrator-suspected or witnessed violation of  
Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug Policy

The building administrator will take the following steps:

- a. Conduct an investigation of the incident.
- b. Notify the parent or guardian in cases of suspected or witnessed possession, use, delivery, or sale of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.
- c. Notify local law enforcement authorities (police liaison) of the incident.
- d. Notify the student's counselor and/or the Social Health Team or Student Teacher Assistance Team.

[Related Board Policies and Administrative Regulations: Board Polices 121 and 405.12; Administrative Regulations AR421, AR1021, and AR504.15; Sioux City Community School District Student Code K-12 Discipline, Expectations and Enforcement Guidelines and The Sioux City Community School District Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Code of Conduct.]