STUDENTS

Series 500

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

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Substance Use/Abuse

Definitions:

Substance abuse: Sale, or unauthorized use/abuse or possession of, alcohol, tobacco, nicotine products that are not FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approved for tobacco cessation, 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, nicotine, and other drug abuse.

Alcohol: Alcohol, wine, or beer.

Tobacco and Nicotine Products: tobacco or tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco or e-cigarettes, and nicotine products that are not FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approved for tobacco cessation.

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.

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 wellbeing.
   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 in serviced on:

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

Substance Abuse—Discipline*

**Alcohol / Tobacco / Nicotine 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 / Nicotine 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 of Conduct

**Sioux City Community School District High School Activity Code

1. Staff—Suspected or witness of violation of Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco-Free Schools 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.
   e. Document the details of the incident.

2. 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.
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281 IAC §14.1, .3
655 IAC §6.2(152)