

WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2 OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY



ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG USE BY STUDENTS

The Winner Board of Education recognizes its share of the responsibility for health, welfare, and good of the students who attend its schools. Alcohol and other drug use is wrong and harmful and can interfere with a student's ability to learn and function responsibly in the school setting and community. Anything that can interfere with the development of an adolescent, therefore, must be evaluated as to its impact to both the young person and the community. Psychoactive and mood altering drugs can destroy the health and well being of an individual. The school community defines drug use as a serious health problem and is committed to discouraging this behavior and to encouraging young people to seek help should a problem arise.

As educators, we recognize that chemical abuse (alcohol and drugs) has become a serious problem in our country. We accept our obligation to establish a positive environment in which these problems can be presented through a comprehensive school drug free program and be addressed locally in a helpful and supportive, rather than a punitive, way. One of the district's goals is to prevent all use by students. Accomplishing this goal will entail training teachers, counselors and other staff members to educate themselves and the community about the impact of drug abuse. Other goals are to teach staff to identify indicators of alcohol and/or other drug use problems and to know what resources are available to address these problems if they are observed. The administration realizes that the problems of alcohol and/or other drug use is a school and a community issue. Therefore, we are committed to cooperate with agencies and community groups that address these issues.

The following are the parameters of student use of alcohol and other drugs in the school system. This policy is in effect on premises owned, leased or maintained by the Winner School District, at all school related activities on and off campus, on vehicles used to transport students to and from school or at other activities and in vehicles parked on school property. Students, parents, and members of the community are expected to know and understand the policy provisions, and its mandatory nature. A copy of the policy will be provided annually to each student and/or her/his parents.

A student shall NOT possess, use, distribute, transfer, conceal, sell, attempt to neither sell, deliver, nor be under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs. Students shall not engage in alcohol and/or other drug use/abuse nor possess paraphernalia specific to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs. Students shall not engage in the use of alcohol and/or other drugs: Students who use prescription drugs authorized by a physician do not violate policy 7.18 if they conform to the prescription and appropriate school policies.

Disciplinary Sanctions & Implementation Procedures

The following procedures will be used in dealing with possession, use, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol and other drugs:

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A. FIRST OFFENSE - (OTHER THAN DISTRIBUTION).

1. The administration will contact the parent /guardian and explain the incident while arranging a conference.
2. Pursuant the student due process, the student may be suspended as determined by the school district Discipline Matrix.
3. The administration will notify the parent/guardian in writing of any suspension.
4. The administration shall notify law enforcement agencies.

The Winner School District will require that students with drug and alcohol abuse problems seek professional assessment from a trained chemical dependency counselor or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency. Because the Board believes that chemical dependency is preceded by misuse, the Board feels confident that such early intervention can benefit the student before significant harm or dependency results.

The suspension of a student who agrees to be assessed will be commuted to three (3) days. The administration will provide a list of agencies/professionals who can do the assessment and provide treatment. Fees for this assessment and treatment are the responsibility of the student and her/his family. Upon receipt of appropriate authorization, the agency or professional will notify the school administration that the pupil is willing to be evaluated and to comply with the treatment process.

B. SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES - (OTHER THAN DISTRIBUTION).

1. The administration will contact the parent /guardian and explain the incident while arranging a conference.
2. Pursuant the student due process, the student may be suspended as determined by the school district Discipline Matrix.
3. The administration will notify the parent/guardian in writing of any suspension.
4. The administration shall notify law enforcement agencies.
5. The administration may recommend to the Winner Board of Education that the student be expelled UNLESS the following procedure is followed:
 - a. The student must agree to be assessed by a trained chemical dependency counselor or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency;
 - b. Upon appropriate authorization, the agency or professional notifies the administration that the, student has been assessed and does or does not require treatment. If the student is accepting needed treatment, recommendation for expulsion may be commuted. Fees for this assessment and/or treatment are the direct responsibility of the student and his/her family.

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C. SUPPLYING/DISTRIBUTING OR SELLING ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS OR MATERIAL REPRESENTED TO BE A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - ALL OCCURRENCES).

1. The administration will contact the parent /guardian and explain the incident while arranging a conference.
2. Pursuant to student due process, the student may be suspended or expelled as determined by the school district Discipline Matrix.
3. The administration will notify the parent/guardian in writing of any suspension.
4. The administration shall notify law enforcement agencies.
5. A hearing on the case will be conducted by the Winner Board of Education pursuant to due process rules for expulsion. Expulsion may be recommended by the administration.

D. A BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROGRAM WILL BE MADE.

1. To determine the programs' effectiveness and implement changes to the programs if they are needed; and,
2. To insure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.