

WEST JEFFERSON
HILLS
SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/
PARAPHERNALIA
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	227. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/PARAPHERNALIA
1. Purpose	<p>The Board recognizes that the abuse of controlled substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community. As an educational institution, the schools shall strive to prevent abuse of controlled substances.</p> <p>The district shall work to educate, prevent and intervene in the use and abuse of all controlled substances through curriculum, classroom activities, community support and resources.</p>
2. Definitions 35 P.S. Sec. 780-102 21 U.S.C. Sec. 812	<p>For purposes of this policy, controlled substances shall include all:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Controlled substances prohibited by federal and state law.2. Look-alike drugs.3. Alcoholic beverages.4. Anabolic steroids.5. Drug paraphernalia.6. Any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products.7. Substances that when ingested cause a physiological effect that is similar to the effect of a controlled substance as defined by state or federal law.8. Prescription or nonprescription (over-the-counter) medications, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy. <p>For purposes of this policy, under the influence shall include any consumption or ingestion of controlled substances by a student.</p>
Pol. 210	

<p>3. Authority SC 510, 511 Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, look-alike drug shall include any pill, capsule, tablet, powder, plant matter or other item or substance that is designed or intended to resemble a controlled substance prohibited by this policy, or is used in a manner likely to induce others to believe the material is a controlled substance.</p> <p>The Board prohibits students from using, possessing, distributing, and being under the influence of any controlled substances during school hours, at any time while on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, and during the time spent traveling to and from school and to and from school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>The Board may require participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into the school's educational, extracurricular or athletic programs resulting from violations of this policy.</p>
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Student Code of Student if any of the following circumstances exist:</p>
<p>Pol. 122, 123</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation. 2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities. 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Student Code of Conduct if conducted in school. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property. 6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to identify and control substance abuse in the schools which:</p>

<p>SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337 Pol. 218, 233</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of using, possessing, being under the influence, or distributing controlled substances in school, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution. 2. Disseminate to students, parents/guardians and staff the Board policy and procedures governing student abuse of controlled substances. 3. Provide education concerning the dangers of abusing controlled substances. 4. Establish procedures for education and readmission to school of students convicted of offenses involving controlled substances.
<p>SC 1302.1-A Pol. 805</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning possible or actual incidents of possession, use or sale of controlled substances. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulation and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of possession, use and sale of controlled substances by any person on school property to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>In all cases involving students and controlled substances, the need to protect the school community from undue harm and exposure to drugs shall be recognized.</p>
<p>35 P.S. Sec. 807.1</p>	<p>No student may be admitted to a program that seeks to identify and rehabilitate the potential abuser without the intelligent, voluntary and aware consent of the student and parent/guardian.</p> <p><u>Anabolic Steroids</u></p> <p>The Board prohibits the use of anabolic steroids by students involved in school-related athletics, except for a valid medical purpose. Body building and muscle enhancement of athletic ability are not valid medical purposes. Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid.</p>
<p>35 P.S. Sec. 807.2 Pol. 233</p>	<p>Students shall be made aware of the dangers of steroid use; that anabolic steroids are classified as controlled substances; and that their use, unauthorized possession, purchase, or sale could subject students to suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.</p> <p><u>Reasonable Suspicion/Testing</u></p> <p>If based on the student's behavior, medical symptoms, vital signs or other observable factors, the building principal has reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the student may be required to submit to drug or</p>

alcohol testing. The testing may include but is not limited to the analysis of blood, urine, saliva, or the administration of a Breathalyzer test.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 511, 1302.1-A, 1303-A

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 403.1

PA Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 780-101 et seq.

Steroids – 35 P.S. Sec. 807.1 et seq.

PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees Relating to Drug or Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114, 7161

Controlled Substances Act – 21 U.S.C. Sec. 801 et seq.

Board Policy – 000, 122, 123, 210, 218, 233, 805

REASONABLE SUSPICION – DRUG TESTING OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS

If based on observable behavior or symptoms, a school employee has a reasonable suspicion that a student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the employee will report the matter to the building principal and the student will be escorted to the school nurse's office for an examination that may include checking the student for abnormal vital signs.

If based on the student's observable behavior, medical symptoms, vital signs or other factors, school administrators have a reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the student may be required to submit to drug or alcohol testing. The testing may include, but is not limited to, the analysis of blood, urine, saliva, or the administration of a Breathalyzer Test. Saliva or breathalyzer tests may be administered by a school district administrator.

If the student is required to submit to drug or alcohol testing, the testing will be done in the following manner:

1. The administration will attempt to contact the student's parent/guardian before the student is tested.
2. The building or district administrator may initiate the saliva drug test or breathalyzer to the student or arrange for blood or urine testing by a medical professional or appropriate testing facility.
3. If the student refuses to be tested or believes the results are not accurate, the student and family may have additional testing done by a medical professional or clinic with appropriate testing facilities approved by the district. The parent/guardian of the student may exercise the right to choose a different medical professional or clinic to administer the test within the time limit set by the district. The parent/guardian will pay for the costs of the testing.
4. The testing will be conducted in a reasonable manner using a method that takes into account the factors of the student's age, sex, and the degree of intrusiveness involved in collecting a sample for testing.
5. Disclosure of drug testing results will be limited to the student, the student's parent/guardian, and appropriate district administrators for the purpose of providing counseling or taking appropriate disciplinary action.

If the student and parent/guardian refuse the drug test, the district shall process the case in the manner it would process any other under the influence situation pursuant to the district's established administrative regulations, including expulsion proceedings. Refusal to submit to drug testing will not result in the disciplinary matter automatically being discontinued.