

ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS

- POLICY -

The Board of Education does not permit the possession, exchange, or non-medical use of alcohol or other drugs by any students while under the school's jurisdiction, including while away from school on field trips - (refer to **policy 2-100 Field, Athletic and Cultural Trips**). This policy applies regardless of whether any situation involves only one student or more than one student.

The following regulations shall be applied when a staff member (or other concerned observer) witnesses a student or students violating school or district policy concerning student use of alcohol or other drugs.

When suspected use/abuse is a concern, refer to **policy 2-310 (Student Assistance Program)** for referrals to counsellors and/or other agencies.

- REGULATION -

Whenever a violation of the law, **or this policy or school rules involves drugs or alcohol** has occurred on school property or on a school authorized activity, there is a responsibility to report observations to the school Principal.

1. CONFIDENTIALITY

Personal information concerning suspected or witnessed alcohol and/or drug abuse or overdoses must be restricted to a 'need to know' basis.

2. RESPONSE TO WITNESSED VIOLATION

2.1 The staff member (or other authorized volunteer to the school):

- 2.1.1 informs the student of the observed violation;
- 2.1.2 obtains the student's name and notifies the school principal of the incident;

2.1.3 asks the student to accompany him/her to the principal's office or to the official in charge of the activity.

2.2 The principal or official in charge will contact the parents, interview the student and after consideration of the evidence will determine a course of action ranging from referral to the school counsellor, suspension, or contacting the police authorities.

3. REFERRAL TO COUNSELLOR

Refer to **policy 2-310/R – Student Assistance Program** – for information on referral to the school counsellor as a course of action.

4. STUDENT SUSPENSION

In accordance with **policy 2-330/R – Student Suspension** – the duration and type of suspension is at the discretion of the school principal.

5. CONTACTING POLICE AUTHORITIES

Refer to **policy 5-80/R – Interviews, Interrogations or Searches** – for guidelines when contacting police authorities.