

DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO USE BY STUDENTS

In order to promote the highest possible standards of learning, as well as the physical, social and emotional well-being of students, this policy is designed to: aid students in abstaining from the unlawful use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs; provide for early intervention when use is detected; and provide disciplinary action when necessary. Compliance with this policy is mandatory.

Any school staff member who has reason to suspect that a student has violated this policy is expected to report the incident to an appropriate administrator immediately.

A. Prevention

The Londonderry School District will provide age and developmentally appropriate drug and alcohol education as part of the school board approved health education program. School personnel are authorized to provide students, parents, and legal guardians with information and resources relative to existing drug and alcohol counseling and treatment for students.

B. Intervention

Any students who find themselves involved in substance abuse and desire assistance in dealing with substance use or abuse issues may refer themselves, without policy violation to the, a guidance counselor, a school nurse, or a building administrator. School personnel are authorized to provide pupils, parents, and legal guardians with information and resources relative to existing drug and alcohol counseling and treatment for pupils.

C. Rules

Students are prohibited from using possessing, furnishing, selling, receiving, buying, manufacturing, or being under the influence of prohibited substances before, during and after school hours, at school, in any school building, on any school district property, at any school approved activity (such as field trips or athletic events), or in any school-approved vehicle while such vehicle is being used to transport students to or from school or to or from any school approved activity. Students are also prohibited, while at school or during school activities, from offering or accepting to furnish, sell, receive or buy prohibited substances at a location off school premises.

The term “prohibited substance” shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Alcohol;
2. Controlled or scheduled drugs (as defined in RSA 318-B);
3. Controlled substances (as defined in the federal Controlled Substance Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812);
4. Tobacco products of any kind, which for the purpose of Board policy includes electronic smoking devices (devices composed of a mouthpiece, a heating element, a battery, and electronic circuits designed or used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substance. This includes, but is not limited to, hookah, e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, and e-hookah).

5. E-liquids (any liquid, oil, or wax product containing, but not limited to, nicotine or cannabis intended for use in devices for inhalation).
6. Prescription drugs not prescribed for the student and/or not in compliance with the Board's policy on administering medications to students (see Board Policy JLCD);
7. Any substance possessed or used for ingestion to produce an intoxicating effect (including but not limited to aerosols, paints, solvents, and glue).
8. Paraphernalia – implements used for the distribution or consumption of a prohibited substance; or
9. Any look-alike/counterfeit drug or substance that is described as or is purported to be a prohibited substance defined in this section.

D. Sanctions

Any violation of the terms of this policy shall constitute sufficient grounds for student discipline, including a short-term suspension (up to ten days) from school and possible referral to the Superintendent for a long term suspension or expulsion from school. The administration retains the discretion to impose such sanctions and may consider any relevant facts and circumstances, including but not limited to the nature of the violation, the student's grade level, the student's behavior accompanying the violation, the student's willingness to cooperate with the investigation, and the student's prior disciplinary record.

The School Resource Officer or other appropriate law enforcement authority shall be notified of violations of this policy.

Students who participate in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities (including athletics) are subject to additional rules and sanctions for violating this policy. (see Board Policy JFCH).

E. Students Under the Influence at School or School Approved Activity

Any student who has consumed or used a prohibited substance on or off school district property and is found to be under the influence of a prohibited substance on school district property, or at any school approved activity, shall immediately be reported to a school administrator or designated school person in charge. The High School Principal or Assistant Principals may administer breathalyzer tests to students in accordance with the Londonderry School District's Breathalyzer Policy JFCL.

If there is a medical emergency, standard school procedures shall be followed. In all other cases, the student shall be isolated and cared for by the school nurse or other designated person until a parent or other responsible adult can take charge of the student. The student should not be left unsupervised. The School Resource Office or Londonderry Police Department shall be notified. If by the close of school or at the end of the activity no responsible adult has taken charge of the student, the student shall be surrendered to the custody of the police or the Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF).

Note: A student who must have medication administered to him/her during the school day, must comply with School District Policy JHCD and school rules regarding possession or administration of medication on school grounds. (See Policy JHCD)

Cross References:

Tobacco Products Ban, GBKB
Life of a Lancer Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, JFCH
Breathalyzer Policy, JFCL
Student Behavior Standards/Code of Conduct, JG
Student Behavior Standards, JG-R
Administering Medication to Students, JHCD
Parental Permission for Over the Counter Medication, JHCD-E
Student Discipline and Due Process, JICD

Legal References:

RSA 126-K:2; :7, Use of Tobacco Products, E-cigarettes, or Liquid Nicotine on Public Educational Facility Grounds Prohibited
RSA 155:66, Smoking Prohibited
RSA 189:11-d, Drug and Alcohol Education
RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils
RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones
Controlled Drug Act, RSA 318-B
Controlled Substance Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812;21 C.F.R. Part 1300.11-15

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