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STUDENT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Statement of Philosophy: This policy shall be concerned with the health and well-being of all students and the policy shall take into consideration the individual needs of students with problems (drug, alcohol, substance abuse problems) as well as the right of the majority of students to an education.

Policy

It is the policy of the Mountain Views School District that no student shall knowingly possess, use, sell, give or otherwise transmit, or be under the influence of any illegal drug, mind-altering substances, regulated substances or medication not prescribed by a physician and approved in writing by the parent/guardian, drug paraphernalia or alcohol on any school property, or at any school sponsored activity away from or within the school. It is further the policy of the District to make appropriate referrals in cases of substance abuse.

Definitions

1. **The term “substance abuse” as used in this policy** is the ingestion of drugs and or alcohol in such a way that it interferes with a person’s ability to perform physically, intellectually, emotionally, or socially.
2. **The term “drug” as used in this policy** means any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, cannabis, CBD products, supplements and/or edibles, THC edibles, or any other controlled substance as defined by state or federal regulation or statute.
3. **The term “drug paraphernalia” as used in this policy includes** but not limited to e-cigarettes, nicotine, CBD, THC and other substance vaping devices and e-juice products.

Administrative Responsibilities Related to Alcohol and Drugs

Educational Program

The superintendent or his/her designee shall work with appropriate staff members to develop and conduct an alcohol and drug abuse educational program. The program shall be consistent with the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Education Curriculum Plan. If the District is a recipient of federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act funds, the Act will be considered in the development of the alcohol and drug abuse educational program.

Support and Referral System

In each school, the principal or his/her designee shall develop a support and referral system for screening students who refer themselves and students who are referred by staff for suspected drug and/or alcohol use and/or abuse problems. The support and referral system will include processes to determine the need for further screening, education, counseling or referral for treatment in each referred case. In addition, the principal shall establish procedures for administering emergency first aid related to alcohol and drug abuse.

Cooperative Agreements

The superintendent or his/her designee shall annually designate an individual to be responsible for providing information to students and parents or guardians about outside agencies that provide substance abuse prevention services and to encourage the use of their services and programs when appropriate.

The District shall have a cooperative agreement with at least one provider, approved by the Department of Health, that will provide substance abuse treatment to students who are referred through the school's support and referral system, or who refer themselves for treatment.

Immediate Procedures

The superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for handling any alcohol/drug related incident until the student has been discharged to the parent, guardian, social service, medical, or law enforcement agency.

Emergency

The superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for administering emergency first aid related to alcohol and drug abuse. The procedures will define the roles of the personnel involved.

Administrative Responsibilities Related to Student Conduct and Discipline

Any student who violates this policy by knowingly possessing, using, selling, giving or otherwise transmitting, or being under the influence of any illegal drug, regulated substance, or alcohol, on any school property, or at any school sponsored activity away from or within the school shall be subject to discipline consistent with the District's policy on Student Conduct and Discipline and the school's overall discipline plan developed pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1161a.

Notification

The superintendent or his/her designee shall ensure that parents and students are given copies of the standards of conduct and disciplinary sanctions contained in the procedures related to this policy, and are notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory. Notice to students will, at a minimum, be provided through inclusion of these standards and sanctions in the student handbook distributed to all students at the beginning of each school year or when a student enrolls in the school.

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