

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRUG AND ALCOHOL

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PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Purpose:

The Board, recognizing that the abuse of drugs and alcohol is a serious problem with legal, physical, emotional and social implications for the entire school community, adopts the position that students must be drug and alcohol free in order that they may develop in the most productive and healthy manner.

Definition:

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The term **drug and alcohol** shall include, but shall not be limited to, those substances defined as controlled substances by the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act or those substances which resemble, in any way, a controlled substance. Examples include, but are not limited to alcohol (beer, wine, liquor, malt beverage), narcotics (cocaine, codeine, crack, heroin), amphetamines, hallucinogens (marijuana, LSD, Peyote), designer drugs, anabolic steroids, chemical solvents, glue, or look-alike substances.

The term **drug** shall include any nonfood substance intended for injection, application, ingestion or inhalation.

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The term **drug** shall also include medication for which a prescription is required under the law, any substance which is intended to alter mood, medication prescribed by a physician, medication bought over the counter at a pharmacy, aspirin, caffeine pills, and any capsules and all other medications not registered with the school nurse, annotated within the student's health records and given in accordance with the district's policy on the administration of medications to students at school.

Confiscation - This shall occur when there is probable cause to believe that a student is in possession of alcohol or drugs. School administrators are obligated to search lockers, cars on school property, clothing, purses, book bags, books and other personal property to seize alcohol or drugs. Reasonable efforts would be made to secure the student's voluntary consent and to have the student present at the time of

search.

Cooperative Behavior - Shall be defined as the willingness of a student to work with staff and school personnel in a reasonable and helpful manner, complying with requests and recommendations of the staff and school personnel.

CORE Team - The Student Assistance Program is comprised of CORE teams in secondary schools. These teams are skilled in a systematic identification, intervention and referral process for dealing with students at risk. A CORE team consists of school faculty, administrators and student support personnel who have been trained to identify students in need of particular help with problems such as chemical dependency, eating disorders, depression and suicide. Once a student has been identified, s/he is referred to the appropriate in-house program or out-of-school agency.

Drug Look-Alike - Includes non-drug, non-alcohol or mood-altering substances from ordinary daily use that may be used to feign or mimic the appearance, actual use, or the effects of the substance. Examples may include, but are not limited to: table sugar for cocaine, oregano for marijuana or a vitamin pill for speed.

Drug Related Paraphernalia - Includes any utensil or item which can be associated with the use of drugs, alcohol or other mood-altering substances. Examples include, but are not limited to the following: roach clips, pipes, bowls, bong, syringes/needles, vials, glassine bags, scales, papers, razor blades and mirrors.

Elementary Building Level Team - Convenes for the purpose of discussing a designated student's problem, and developing strategies and recommendations to deal with the problem. Members include: principal, psychologist, nurse, counselor, teacher and/or educational specialist.

Formal Hearing of the Judicial Review Committee - This is a hearing held before the Board of School Directors or a duly authorized committee of the Board, or a qualified hearing examiner appointed by the Board. Where the hearing is conducted by a committee of the Board or a hearing examiner, a majority vote of the entire Board is required to expel a student. This committee may suspend a student due to a drug and alcohol policy violation.

In-School Suspension - Students assigned to in-school suspension are placed in the suspension room for the assigned length of time.

Medication - All analgesics such as aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, over the counter drugs and/or controlled or prescription substances approved by a physician and parents must be registered with

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the nurse according to the medication policy. All other substances will be suspect under the provisions of this policy.

Mimicking - This term constitutes behaviors exhibited by a student which copy or imitate the use (ingestion, injection, application or distribution) or effects of drugs, alcohol or other mood altering substances. The behaviors include those of an intention-seeking nature such that they sensationalize or glorify the use of these substances.

Out-of-School Suspension - Students assigned to out-of-school suspension are prohibited from attending school or school related functions, from riding buses or from being on school property including Comet Field and Biemesderfer Stadium.

Possession - Shall be defined as possessing or holding (without any attempt to distribute) any alcohol, drug or mood-altering substance or any drug related paraphernalia determined to be illegal or as defined by this policy.

Reasonable Suspicion - The term describing circumstances in which searches may be conducted by school personnel. The basis for reasonable suspicion is that the student is concealing something, possession of which is either in violation of the law or of school policy.

SAP Assessment - A range of procedures that may include one or more of the following: (1) review of information, (2) administration of rating scales and questionnaires, (3) student interview, (4) parent interview, and (5) follow-up conference which will include recommendations to parents.

SAP Assessor - A Pennsylvania licensed or otherwise certified counselor with clinical expertise in the field of chemical dependency and school based assessment.

School Property - Shall include not only the actual buildings, facilities and grounds on the school campus, but shall also include school buses, school bus stops, school parking areas, and any facility being used for a school function or activity regardless of location.

School Sponsored Function - Activities shall include not only the functions that occur during the normal school day, but shall also include those functions that occur before or after the normal school day, weekends, or away from the district school property. In all cases, school sponsored functions are defined as those that operate under the direction of the district. These shall include, but are not limited to field trips, athletic activities, music and theatrical events.

Transfer - Deliver, purchase, sell, pass, share or give any alcohol,

<p>Authority:</p> <p>SC510 Title 22 SEC. 12.3</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.12 42 P.S. 8337 Pol 207</p> <p>Delegation of Responsibility:</p> <p>P.L. 101226 Sec. 5115 (a) (4)</p>	<p>drug or mood-altering substance, as defined by this policy, from one (1) person to another or to aid therein.</p> <p>Uncooperative Behavior - is resistance or refusal, either verbal, physical or passive, on the part of the student to comply with the reasonable request or recommendations of school personnel. Defiance, assault, deceit and truancy shall constitute examples of uncooperative behavior. Uncooperative behavior may also include the refusal to comply with the recommendations of a SAP Assessor, CORE team, and/or Judicial Review Committee. This behavior will be taken into consideration when response/discipline is determined.</p> <p>The Board prohibits the use, possession, consumption, mimicking of use, transfer and/or distribution of any drug, alcohol, drug look-alike substance or drug related paraphernalia on school property, at any school sponsored event, Comet Field, Biemesderfer Stadium, school bus stops, and/or in vehicles that transport students to and from any school sponsored event.</p> <p>The privileged confidentiality between students and guidance counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, home and school visitors and other school employees shall be respected; and no confidential communication made to any such employee shall be required to be revealed without the consent of the student or his/her parent, unless the best interests of the student can be served only by such release.</p> <p>Students who violate this policy shall be referred to a formal hearing of the Judicial Review Committee.</p> <p>Violations of the policy involving “over-the-counter” medications purchased at a pharmacy or similar commercial establishments, (such as aspirin, caffeine pills or other medications) and which are not registered with the school nurse and annotated within the student’s health records and given in accordance with the District’s policy on administration of medication to students at school may, at the discretion of the building principal, be subject to an administrative hearing conducted by the building principal provided that the discipline provided to the student does not exceed an out-of-school suspension of more than ten (10) days.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall prepare rules for the identification, amelioration and control of drugs and alcohol abuse in the schools which shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of possessing or distributing drugs and alcohol in school, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution. 2. Discourage abuse of drugs and alcohol.
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<p>42 P.S. 8337</p> <p>SC 1303-A(b)</p> <p>Guidelines:</p> <p>35 P.S. Sec. 807.1</p> <p>35 P.S. 42 P.S. SEC. 807.2 8337 POL. 233</p> <p>35 P.S. SEC. 807.3 218-AG</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of abusing drugs and alcohol. 4. Establish procedures for instruction and readmission to school of students convicted of offenses involving drugs and alcohol. <p style="text-align: center;">Incidents of possession, use and sale of drugs including alcohol, by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This policy will be implemented through the cooperative efforts of the faculty, administration, CORE team, school employee groups, students, parents/guardians, bus drivers, and community agencies of the district.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In all cases where the school attempts to address a student in relation to this policy, the level of student cooperation, the degree of threat to other students, and the history of the student with respect to the behavior will be taken into consideration when response/discipline is determined.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Anabolic Steroids</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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 them to suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Penalties are prescribed in the code of conduct for any student athlete found in violation of the prohibited use of anabolic steroids.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No student shall be eligible to resume participation in school athletics unless a medical determination has been submitted verifying that no residual evidence of steroids exists.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Board may require participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into the school athletic program.</p>
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