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Drug-Free Schools

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I. PURPOSE

Minneapolis Public Schools recognizes that chemical use and abuse constitute a grave threat to the physical and mental well-being of students and employees and significantly impedes the learning process. The Board of Directors believes that Minneapolis Public Schools has a role in education, intervention, and prevention of chemical use and abuse. The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in its goal to prevent chemical use and abuse by providing procedures for education and intervention and to maintain a safe and healthful environment for students by prohibiting the use of alcohol, toxic substances and controlled substances without a health care provider's prescription.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, use or being under the influence of controlled substances, toxic substances, prescription drugs and over-the-counter preparations (without a licensed health care provider's prescription) or alcohol before, during, or after school hours, at school or in or on other school premises, including any vehicles owned or operated by or for the District, or at any school sponsored activity regardless of location, is prohibited. Possession or use of paraphernalia associated with the above substances is prohibited.
- B. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student:
 1. to use, share, offer or distribute prescription medication prescribed for someone other than the recipient on any school premises,
 2. to use, share, offer or distribute over-the-counter medications or preparations in forms, means or quantities not intended by the manufacturer without a licensed health care provider's prescription on any school premises.
- C. The school district will act to enforce this policy and to discipline or take appropriate action against any student who violates this policy. Student discipline shall follow the District's City-Wide Disciplinary Policy.
- D. It is the policy of this school district to provide an instructional program in every elementary and secondary school regarding chemical abuse and the prevention of chemical dependency.
- E. Each school will establish a multi-disciplinary pre-assessment team to identify students who have chemical health, use or abuse related issues, including, but not limited to:
 1. Students affected by the chemical use or abuse of others,



2. Students requiring awareness of their own chemical use or abuse and of existing community resources for counseling and treatment,
 3. Students requiring support during re-entry into the school after disciplinary action due to chemical use or abuse or, on student request, after their involvement in a treatment program for chemical use or abuse.
- F Parents will be informed annually of chemical health services available at their schools, the chemical use and abuse policy, support services available to their students who are returning to school after involvement in a treatment program for chemical use or abuse, or re-entry into the school after disciplinary action due to chemical use or abuse, and their opportunities to be involved in chemical use and abuse prevention activities and learning.
- G. The district will offer staff development opportunities in chemical health, use and abuse issues available to all school district employees. The district will also provide staff development to all school district employees on the validity of minor's consent for medical, mental and other health services provision with respect to alcohol or other drug use and abuse.
- H. The district will promote opportunities for vetted community education programs available to parents and community members on topics of chemical health, use and abuse prevention.
- I. The Superintendent shall propose such regulations to support the application of this policy.

III. EXCEPT IONS

- A. It shall not be a violation of this policy for a student to bring onto a school location, for such student's own use, a controlled substance which has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States and the student has a licensed health care provider's prescription for the substance and associated necessary paraphernalia, such as an inhaler or syringe. The student shall comply with the relevant district policies regarding student medication.
- B. It shall not be a violation of this policy for an adult non-student to bring alcohol or toxic substances onto a school location for use in laboratory experiments connected with the school curriculum.

Legal References:

20 USC § 7101- 7161 (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.25-121A.29 (Student Health and Safety: Chemical Abuse)
Minn. Stat. § 144.343 Subd. 1. (Minor's Consent)
Minn. Stat. § 624.701 (Alcohol in Certain Buildings or Grounds [Schools])



Cross References:

MPS Policy 4025 (Drug Free Workplace)
MPS Policy 4026 (Transportation Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing)
MPS Policy 5200 (Behavior Standards and Code of Conduct)
MPS Policy 5680 (Search of Students, Lockers, Desks, Motor Vehicles)
MPS Policy 6680 (Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness)
MPS Policy 6682 (Emergency Health Care)
MPS Policy 6690 (Health/Nutrition/Wellness Education)
MPS Policy 6692 (Student Medication)