

CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/
PARAPHERNALIA

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227. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/PARAPHERNALIA

Purpose

The Board recognizes that the abuse of controlled substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community. As an educational institution, the schools shall strive to prevent abuse of controlled substances.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, controlled substances shall include all:

1. Controlled substances prohibited by federal and state law. [1]
2. Look-alike drugs. [2]
3. Alcoholic beverages.
4. Anabolic steroids.
5. Drug paraphernalia.
6. Any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products.
7. Substances that when ingested cause a physiological effect that is similar to the effect of a controlled substance as defined by state or federal law.
8. Prescription or patent drugs, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy. [3]

For purposes of this policy, under the influence shall include any consumption or ingestion of controlled substances by a student.

For purposes of this policy, look-alike drugs shall include any pill, capsule, tablet, powder, plant matter or other item or substance that is designed or intended to resemble a controlled substance prohibited by this

policy, or is used in a manner likely to induce others to believe the material is a controlled substance.

The Board prohibits students from using, possessing, distributing, and being under the influence of any controlled substances during school hours, at any time while on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, and during the time spent traveling to and from school and school-sponsored activities. [4] [5] [6]

The Board may require participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into the school's educational, extracurricular or athletic programs resulting from violations of this policy.

Off-Campus Activities

This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if: [7]

1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation.
2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.
3. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.
4. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
5. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.
6. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare rules for the identification and control of substance abuse in the schools which:

1. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of using, possessing, being under the influence, or distributing controlled substances in school, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution. [8] [9] [10] [7] [11]

2. Disseminate to students, parents/guardians and staff the Board policy and District procedures governing student abuse of controlled substances.
3. Provide education concerning the dangers of abusing controlled substances.
4. Establish procedures for education, treatment and readmission to school of students convicted of offenses involving controlled substances.

The Superintendent/designee shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning possible or actual incidents of possession, use or sale of controlled substances. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulation and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials. [8] [12]

The Superintendent/designee shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of possession, use and sale of controlled substances by any person on school property to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation. [9]

Guidelines

Anabolic Steroids

The Board prohibits the use of anabolic steroids by students involved in school-related athletics, except for a valid medical purpose confirmed by a physician's prescription. Body building and muscle enhancement of athletic ability are not valid medical purposes unless confirmed by a physician's prescription. Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid. [13]

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 students to suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution. [14] [15]

Reasonable Suspicion/Testing

If based on the student's behavior, medical symptoms, vital signs or other observable/discernible factors (to include the odor of drugs such as marijuana, hashish, etc. emanating from the clothing, hair, hands, fingers of the student), the building principal has reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the student may be required to submit to drug or alcohol testing. The testing may include but is not limited to the analysis of blood, urine, saliva, or the administration of a Breathalyzer test.

The School Police is authorized to conduct testing of any device(s) for controlled substances as permitted by law.

Random testing will occur at selected extracurricular activities.

Legal References:

1. 35 P.S. Sec. 780-102
2. 21 U.S.C. Sec. 812
3. Pol. 210
4. SC 510
5. SC 511
6. Title 22 Sec. 12.3
7. Pol. 218
8. SC 1302.1-A
9. SC 1303-A
10. 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337
11. Pol. 233
12. Pol. 805
13. 35 P.S. Sec. 807.1
14. 35 P.S. Sec. 807.2
15. Pol. 233