

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE, ABUSE, AND DEPENDENCY

The Eastport School Committee supports a safe and healthy learning environment for students which is free of the detrimental effects of drugs and alcohol. Accomplishing this goal requires a cooperative effort among school staff, students, parents, law enforcement and organizations concerned with the use of drugs and alcohol by school-aged youth.

In order to promote the safety, health and well-being of students, the School Committee endorses a three-pronged approach to address the issue of drug and alcohol use; prevention/education; intervention and discipline. The Superintendent is responsible for coordinating development of appropriate administrative procedures, curricula and programs to implement this policy.

Prohibited Conduct

No student shall distribute, dispense, traffic, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor. Nor shall a student manufacture, distribute, dispense, buy, sell, receive, possess, traffic, use or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid, any other controlled substance defined in federal and state laws/regulations, any look-alike substance, or any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance. This includes vaping and any substances associated with the practice.

These prohibitions further apply to any substance which can effect or change student's mental, physical, or behavioral pattern, including but not limited to, volatile material such as glue, paint, or aerosols, when possessed for the purpose of inhalation, or steroids. Drug paraphernalia, implements used for distribution or consumption of any prohibitive substance, are also prohibited.

These prohibitions apply to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored activity, or sanctioned activity/trip, or whose conduct at any time or place directly interferes with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school.

According to school committee policy, students are also prohibited from possessing prescription drugs and over-the counter drugs on school property. Any student who is required to carry a prescription or non-prescription drug during school hours shall deposit the drug with the school nurse or the school principal/designee immediately upon entering school property. The nurse and/or principal or designee will administer the drug, if necessary, and the student will pick it up upon leaving school. Exceptions are by medical document validated by administration only.

Prevention/Education

The school unit will provide students with appropriate information and activities focused on educating students about drugs and alcohol and preventing their use. Programs shall teach students that the use of drugs and alcohol is harmful; how to resist peer pressure; and address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol abuse. Focusing upon healthy lifestyles, programs must help students become aware of alternatives to drug and alcohol use in their lives.

Policy Communication

The school unit shall distribute this policy and appropriate related information to staff, students, and parents/guardians on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by the Superintendent and building administrators.

Legal Reference: 21USC, Sub Section 812 (Controlled Substances Act) 21 CFR Part 1300.11-15
Pub.L.No 101-226 (Drug-Free Schools and Community Act Amendments of 1989)
17-A MRSA, Sub Section 1101
42 USC, Sub Section 2.1 et seq.
42 CFR, Sub Sections 1001(9); 4008
20-A MRSA, Sub Sections 1001(9); 4008

Cross Reference:	GBEC	Drug-Free Workplace
	JICIA	Weapons, Violence and School Safety
	JKD	Suspension of Students
	JKE	Expulsion of Students
	JKCD	Administering Medication to Students
	JRA	Student Records

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PROCEDURES

The purpose of this administrative procedure is to provide guidelines to the administrative staffing cases where the policy is violated. School department officials maintain the right to deviate from these procedures in cases of extreme violation.

A. Disciplinary Action

1.A. Type One: Possession/Use

(Prescription, pharmaceutical, scheduled, and illegal/controlled drugs)

In the event any student, who is on school property, who is in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored activity, or sanctioned activity/trip is found to have a prohibited substance in his/her possession, or is under the influence of a prohibited substance the administrative staff will:

a. For the First Offense:

- Meet with student
- Verify the charge and confiscate the prohibited substance if it is in the possession of the student
- Notify parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Notify Superintendent
- Notify law enforcement
- Suspend student for up to ten (10) days; expulsion may be considered based on circumstance
- Refer the student to the Student Assistance Team
- Schedule a meeting with the Superintendent that the student and parents must attend prior to the student's being re-admitted to school
- Provide the family with a list of substance abuse resources

b. For the Second Offense:

- Meet with student
- Verify the charge and confiscate the prohibited substance if it is in the possession of the student

- Notify parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Notify Superintendent
- Notify law enforcement
- Suspend student for up to ten (10) days
- Recommend expulsion to the School Committee
- Schedule a Special School Committee disciplinary hearing providing the student with due process

1.B. Type One: Possession/Use
(over-the-counter drugs)

In the event any student, who is on school property, who is in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored activity, or sanctioned activity/trip is found to have a prohibited substance in his/her possession, or to have had a prohibited substance in his/her possession, or is under the influence of a prohibited substance the administrative staff will:

a. For the First Offense:

- Meet with student
- Verify the charge and confiscate the prohibited substance if it is in the possession of the student
- Notify parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Notify Superintendent
- Notify law enforcement (if needed)
- Suspend student for up to five (5) days
- Schedule a meeting with the Principal that the student and parents must attend prior to the student's being re-admitted to school

b. For the Second Offense:

- Meet with student
- Verify the charge and confiscate the prohibited substance if it is in the possession of the student
- Notify parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Notify Superintendent
- Notify law enforcement (if needed)
- Suspend student for up to ten (10) days
- Schedule a meeting with the Superintendent that the student and parents must attend prior to the student's being re-admitted to school

2.A. Type Two: Furnishing/Selling/Trafficking

(Prescription, pharmaceutical, scheduled, and illegal/controlled drugs)

If it is found that any student has furnished, sold, or in any way trafficked prohibited substances on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, or sanctioned activity/trip, or at any time or place where such furnishing, selling, or trafficking interferes with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school, the administrative staff will:

- Meet with student
- Verify the charge and confiscate the prohibited substance if it is in the possession of the student
- Notify parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Notify Superintendent
- Notify law enforcement
- Suspend student for up to ten (10) days
- Recommend expulsion to School Committee
- Schedule a Special School Committee disciplinary hearing providing the student with due process

2.B. Type Two: Furnishing/Selling/Trafficking
(over-the-counter drugs)

If it is found that any student has furnished, sold, or in any way trafficked prohibited substances on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, or sanctioned activity/trip, or at any time or place where such furnishing, selling, or trafficking interferes with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school, the administrative staff will:

a. For the First Offense:

- Meet with student
- Verify the charge and confiscate the prohibited substance if it is in the possession of the student
- Notify parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Notify Superintendent
- Notify law enforcement
- Suspend student for up to ten (10) days
- Schedule a meeting with the Principal that the student and parents must attend prior to the student's being re-admitted to school

b. For the Second Offense:

- Meet with student

- Verify the charge and confiscate the prohibited substance if it is in the possession of the student
- Notify parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Notify Superintendent
- Notify law enforcement
- Suspend student for up to ten (10) days
- Schedule Expulsion Hearing

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