

Drug/Alcohol Policy

This policy statement is designed to provide a framework upon which to base local decisions. As such, this statement is based on the philosophy that the School Board has a responsibility for the protection of the individual rights of each student, as well as the rights of all students and staff. Both responsibilities imply protection against influence detrimental to the health, safety, and well being of students, and the educational effectiveness of the school.

- I. For purposes of identification, prescribed medication and any “over the counter” remedies shall be referred to as legal drugs.
- II. No one shall possess or ingest alcohol or a controlled drug, nor be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled drug, or any chemical in any form, such as “act-a-like”, diet pills/capsules/preparations, “look-a-likes” or any other imitation controlled substance used for recreational mind alterations or other non-medical purposes during or en route to, or from, any school-sponsored event.
- III. No one shall distribute, share, or give any literature in printed or electronic media form for the purpose of promoting, glamorizing, offering for sale, or offering free, any chemicals described in Paragraph II, above.
- IV. Possession and/or use of any illegal drug, controlled drug or alcohol is forbidden at all times on school property and at school events, as well as in transit to or from school or school events.
- V. Medication: Legal drugs, brought to school by students for ingestion as prescribed by a doctor, or “over the counter remedies”, as prescribed by parents/guardians, shall be delivered to the School Nurse or Principal, along with a note from the doctor or parent/guardian, giving the following information: Student name, diagnosis or problem; medication and dosage; time schedule; and inclusive dates of medication (RSA 54-A).

Under the Influence: If the Principal or Assistant Principal feels that a student is under the influence of a drug/alcohol while participating in, or attending a school function, the student’s parents/guardians will be called and an immediate conference will be required.

Trafficking: Any student who transports, exchanges, gives or otherwise possesses drugs or alcohol while in school or while participating in, or attending a school function in a manner contrary to the regulations and spirit set in this policy will be removed to the Principal’s office. The student’s parents/guardians and the Superintendent will be notified, and disciplinary action will be taken.

Selling: Any student, who sells drugs at any time on school property, or at school-sponsored functions, or in transit to, or from school or school functions, shall be removed to the Principal’s office. The student’s parent/guardians and the Superintendent will be notified. The student will be suspended for up to ten (10) school days and referred to the Superintendent, who may, at his/her discretion, impose further disciplinary action and/or refer the matter to the School Board. The Principal or Superintendent will notify police, as soon as practical after it has been established that a student has been involved in trafficking and/or selling.

The School District is committed to maintaining a drug free campus. We have therefore accepted an invitation from the Wilton Police Department and the New Hampshire State Police to have the State Police K-9 Unit conduct random search(es) of the student lockers and school building. This event(s) will help the District continue a safe and drug free environment for our students.