

Todd County School District Policy: JICH

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INCLUDING ALL TOBACCO PRODUCTS) BY STUDENTS

(DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS)

The board recognizes its share of the responsibility for the health, welfare, and safety of the students who attend the district's schools. The board is concerned about the community problem of alcohol and drug abuse and further recognizes that the use of tobacco, alcohol and/or narcotic drugs, depressants, inhalants, and other controlled substances illegally and/or inappropriately is wrong and constitutes a hazard to the positive development of students. Therefore, the district's "no use" policy on tobacco, alcohol and drugs requires:

1. age appropriate, developmentally-based tobacco, drug and alcohol education and prevention programs for all students in all schools operated by the school district, from early childhood through grade twelve (12);
2. the provision of counseling services that will make it possible for tobacco, alcohol and drug-troubled students to seek and get counseling any time without fear of reprisal and with assurance of the confidentiality of the counseling;
3. emergency health and safety care which may be necessary in order for students under the active influence of tobacco, alcohol and drugs at school or in connection with any school activity;
4. cooperation by school officials with parents or guardians of students suspected or reported to be illegally involved with tobacco, alcohol or controlled drugs; this requires that parents be notified and conferences with them be arranged when suspicion of tobacco, alcohol and/or drug abuse in any form is sufficiently founded; this is intended as a time when school officials may work with parents or guardians and/or law enforcement agencies;
5. given reasonable suspicion of use or possession of alcohol a device known as a Passive Alcohol Sensor (PAS) may be used to check for breath alcohol and can be used with or without a subject's direct participation. All due process precautions will continue to be in place. Given reasonable suspicion of use or possession, there will be established step followed.

6. students are prohibited from use, sale, possession, distribution, and/or being under the influence of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or illegal or controlled drugs on or in school properties or other areas when regular school functions are in session; this includes the prohibition of tobacco, alcohol and/or illegal or controlled drugs at any interscholastic athletic contest, on any field trip, or any other board approved trip or activity; violation of this provision must be reported to the proper law enforcement agency; the first violation of this provision may result in suspension from school; subsequent violations could subject the student to expulsion, as may be determined by the board; specific consequences are enumerated in attendance center handbooks;
7. all students participating in activities sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association will be responsible for following their training rules. The training rules follow: “During the school year and the season of practice, play, or rehearsal, regardless of the quantity, a student shall not
 - a. use a beverage containing alcohol, use tobacco, or use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away marijuana, or any controlled substance. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student’s own use by her/his doctor.
8. compliance with these statements of conduct and statements of disciplinary sanctions is mandatory;
9. a copy of this policy will be published annually in the Todd County School District Newsletter, and a copy of the newsletter will be provided to every student and/or his/her parent/guardian; and
10. an annual review of this policy will be made during each school year by the Drug Free Schools Advisory Council to determine the policy's effectiveness, to recommend changes to the policy to the Board of Education if they are needed. A copy of the review along with a copy of the appropriate Drug Free Schools Advisory Council meeting minutes will be kept on file in the superintendent’s office.

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