

JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Statement of . . .
P O L I C Y

SUBJECT: Drugs and Alcohol

I. Board Policy

The Board recognizes that the possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, or other prohibited substances constitute a hazard to students and is disruptive to the educational process. The Board mandates, consistent with federal and state law, the development and implementation of programs that: 1) provide information about the harmful effects of drug and alcohol use, 2) coordinate school and parent cooperation in preventing drug and alcohol use, and 3) assist parents of students who use drugs or alcohol in seeking professional help from public and private educational and rehabilitative agencies.

The Board delegates to the Administration, responsibility for providing: 1) drug and alcohol use prevention programs, 2) disciplinary procedures and consequences for students who possess, use, or distribute illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, or prohibited substances on school district property, during school hours, or at school functions, and 3) support for students and families in drug and alcohol use identification and prevention efforts.

II. Administration Policy

The Administration recognizes the need to prevent the possession, use, and distribution of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, and other substances prohibited in the guidelines of this policy. Therefore, the possession, use, or distribution, by students, of any substance listed in the guidelines of this policy is prohibited on school district property, during school hours, and at any school-sponsored extra-curricular program or activity including those held off of the school property.

Guidelines

A. Prohibited Illegal Substances:

1. All substances defined as illegal in Utah Code §58-37-1 et seq.
2. Alcoholic beverages as defined in Utah Code §32A-1-105
3. Any psychotoxic chemical substance used illegally as defined in Utah Code §76-10-107

B. Illegal Substance Violations

1. Possession (Personal or Property) or Use (Consumption, Inhalation, or Injection)
 - a. First Violation

A student possessing or using prohibited illegal substances for the first time will be suspended from school pending a meeting with the school administrator and parents. At the meeting the student and parents will be given a choice between the following two disciplinary consequences:

(1) The student will be placed in a home-based alternative education program for ten (10) school days. Parents will be required to coordinate homework assignments with a designated school representative.

(2) The student and his/her parent(s) will enroll in a Jordan District Early

Intervention Drug and Alcohol Class. The student will be able to return to school after attending the first session of the class. Parents will be required to coordinate homework assignments with a designated school representative during the intervening time. If the requirements of the class are not met, the student will automatically be placed in a home-based alternative education program for ten (10) school days less the number of school days missed during the intervening time between the violation and the first class session.

b. Second Violation

A student possessing or using prohibited illegal substances for the second time will be suspended from school pending a meeting with the school administrator and parents. At the meeting, the student will be placed in a home-based alternative education program for forty-five (45) school days. In addition, the student who has a second violation must submit to a written assessment for potential substance dependence. A confirmation of the assessment must be received by the director of the District's Programs for At-Risk Students before the student is readmitted to school.

c. Third Violation

A student possessing or using prohibited illegal substances for the third time will be suspended from school pending a meeting with the school administrator and parents. At the meeting, the student will be placed in a home-based alternative education program for one-hundred eighty (180) school days. In addition, the student who has a third violation must submit to a written assessment for potential substance dependence. A confirmation of the assessment must be received by the director of the District's Programs for At-Risk Students before the student is readmitted to school.

2. Distribution (Selling, Sharing, or Delivering)

a. First Violation

A student distributing prohibited illegal substances for the first time will be suspended from school pending a meeting with the school administrator and parents. At the meeting, the student will be placed in a home-based alternative education program for forty-five (45) school days. In addition, the student who has a distribution violation must submit to a written assessment for potential substance dependence. A confirmation of the assessment must be received by the director of the District's Programs for At-Risk Students before the student is readmitted to school.

b. Second Violation

A student possessing, using, or distributing prohibited illegal substances following a first distribution violation will be suspended from school pending a meeting with the school administrator and parents. At the meeting, the student will be placed in a home-based alternative education program for one-hundred eighty (180) school days. In addition, the student who has a second violation must submit to a written assessment for potential substance dependence. A confirmation of the assessment must be received by the director of the District's Programs for At-Risk Students before the student is readmitted to school.

C. Prohibited Medication Substances

1. Prescription medications in excess of a recommended 8-hour dosage.
2. Over-the-counter medications in excess of a recommended 8-hour dosage.

D. Medication Substance Violations

1. Possession (Personal or Property)

a. First Violation

A student possessing medication substances (over-the-counter or prescription medications in excess of a recommended 8-hour dosage) for the first time will be suspended pending a meeting with the school administrator and parents. At the meeting, this policy will be reviewed and written documentation of the violation will be placed in the student's disciplinary file. The student will be readmitted to school after the meeting.

NOTE: The provisions of this section apply only to possession of over-the-counter or prescription medications in excess of a recommended 8-hour dosage. Distribution of any amount of over-the-counter or prescription medications is prohibited and will be dealt with according to the distribution guidelines outlined in this policy.

b. Second Violation

A student possessing medication substances in excess of a recommended 8-hour dosage for the second time will be suspended from school pending a meeting with the school administrator and parents. At the meeting the student and parents will be given a choice between the following two disciplinary consequences:

(1) The student will be placed in a home-based alternative education program for ten (10) school days. Parents will be required to coordinate homework assignments with a designated school representative.

(2) The student and his/her parent(s) will enroll in a Jordan District Early Intervention Drug and Alcohol Class. The student will be able to return to school after attending the first session of the class. Parents will be required to coordinate homework assignments with a designated school representative during the intervening time. If the requirements of the class are not met, the student will automatically be placed in a home-based alternative education program for ten (10) school days less the number of school days missed during the intervening time between the violation and the first class session.

2. Distribution (Selling, Sharing, or Delivering)

a. First Violation

(1) A student distributing substances listed in Guideline C.1.b. (over-the-counter medications) for the first time will be suspended pending a meeting with the school administrator and parents. At the meeting, this policy will be reviewed. Disciplinary consequences for distributing over-the-counter medication will be determined by the school administration based on the severity of the violation.

(2) A student distributing prescription medications for the first time or over-the-counter medications for the second time will be suspended from school pending a meeting with the school administrator and parents. At the meeting, the student will be placed in a home-based alternative education program for forty-five (45) school days. In addition, the student who has a distribution violation must submit to a written assessment for potential substance dependence. A confirmation of the assessment must be received by the director of the district's At-Risk Programs before the student is readmitted to school.

b. Second Violation

A student distributing prescription medications for the second time will be suspended from school pending a meeting with the school administrator and parents. At the meeting, the student will be placed in a home-based alternative education program for one-hundred eighty (180) school days. In addition, the student who has a distribution violation must submit to a written assessment for potential substance dependence. A confirmation of the assessment must be received by the director of the District's Programs for At-Risk Students before the student is readmitted to school.

E. Procedures

1. Due process procedures outlined in policy AS67--Student Discipline and School Expulsions will be followed in the administration of this policy.

2. All illegal violations covered by this policy will be reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency. Jordan School District will enforce the disciplinary consequences outlined in this policy independent of any court action.

3. Students apprehended by school district employees or law enforcement officials for illegal violations covered by this policy while off-campus during regular school hours shall be subject to the guidelines of this policy.

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4. Resorting occurs when a student is apprehended by school district employees or law enforcement officials for being present where illegal substances listed in the guidelines of this policy are being used or possessed and the use or possession is open, obvious, apparent, and not concealed. Resorting violations will be dealt with according to the “possession and use of illegal substances” guidelines of this policy.

5. Students found in possession of drug paraphernalia as defined in Utah Code §58-37a will be dealt with according to the “possession and use of illegal substances” guidelines of this policy.

6. During the time a student is on the home-based alternative education program, the student may not be a spectator or participant in any school-sponsored extra-curricular program or activity including those held off of the school property.

7. If the designated days of home-based alternative education can not be completed by the end of the regular school year, the home-based alternative education program must be completed at the beginning of the following school year.

8. If a senior is placed on the home-based alternative education program, and that placement coincides with the end of the school year, the student will not be allowed to participate in graduation exercises. The diploma will be awarded upon completion of the home-based alternative education program and all other graduation requirements.

9. District personnel will assist with identifying appropriate agencies qualified to make written assessment of potential substance dependence for students who violate the guidelines of this policy. These assessments will be at the expense of the parent(s).

10. Records will be maintained on all violations. A student with more than one violation will be considered a repeat offender even if the earlier violation(s) occurred in a prior school year or a different Jordan District school.

11. In addition to the disciplinary consequences outlined in this policy, a student will be suspended or removed from participation in leadership positions, candidacy for leadership positions, school organizations, and athletic teams upon violations of the guidelines covered in this policy.

12. Utah Code §53A-11 requires educators to report information of suspected substance abuse among students to their parents. When student substance abuse is suspected, educators will complete a Suspected Abuse Report form and submit it to the designated school administrator for referral to parents. Jordan School District and its employees will not be held responsible for any costs that result from the information provided on the Suspected Abuse Report form.

13. Jordan School District will award credit for education when students are in drug and/or alcohol use treatment programs. The treatment program must meet the Utah State Department of Human Services license qualifications.

a. One (1.0) elective credit may be earned for completion of an in-patient treatment program.

b. Required and elective credit may also be earned during in-patient treatment through participation in an accredited educational program. A maximum of five and one-half (5.5) instructional hours per day may be applied toward credit.

c. One (1.0) elective credit may be earned for participation in an approved aftercare program. The student must submit a schedule of the aftercare program and verification of regular attendance. One-quarter (.25) credit will be awarded for each forty-five (45) hours of aftercare participation.

F. The revisions to this policy become effective July 1, 1998.

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