

## DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

Students who bring prescription or non prescription drugs to school for ingestion as prescribed by a physician, must be kept in the nurse's or principal's office, unless arrangements are made by the school nurse or principal to have the medication in the child's possession. (see Policy JLCD)

Taking of illegal drugs including alcohol and/or possession and distribution of the same, in any form, is not permitted at any time on school property, including the school bus, school building and school playgrounds or playing fields. Upon being caught, parents will be notified immediately:

- a. For the case that a student appears to be under the influence of a drug or alcohol, the parents will be notified and requested to take the student home or to a medical facility. The police will be notified.
- b. In severe cases, the principal or designee is authorized to call an ambulance to transport the student to the hospital or other appropriate medical facility. Parents will be notified of the action and be responsible for any expenses.
- c. Upon reasonable notification that a student may be in possession of a drug or alcohol, the administration may take reasonable measures to search the student, his/her belongings or his/her locker. The following course of action may be enacted for those students found in possession or consumption of an illegal drug or alcohol.
  - a. The student may be suspended for up to 10 days by the principal or designee.
  - b. The student is to be scheduled for a hearing with the superintendent of school whereby the suspension may be extended to 20 days, Saturday detentions assigned and/or afternoon work sessions scheduled during the suspension. The student may be required to be involved with a drug and alcohol awareness activity. The matter may be referred to the Wakefield School Board for consideration of expulsion. The Wakefield Police Department will be notified.
  - c. Any student who has a second offense for possessing or using a drug or alcohol will be suspended from school pending a hearing with the Wakefield School Board for possible expulsion.
- d. Any student found selling, distributing or giving away illegal, prescription or "look a like" non prescription drugs or giving away non prescription drugs under the premise of them being a drug, will be suspended from school pending a hearing with the superintendent of school. If the hearing with the superintendent finds the student to be guilty of giving away the above stated drugs, a hearing with the Wakefield School Board will take place where expulsion from school may be recommended. In addition, the Wakefield Police Department will be notified and the student turned over to them.

Controlled drugs are defined to be those drugs prohibited by the New Hampshire State Law as defined in RSA ch. 318-B.

**Statutory Reference:**

RSA 571-C:2

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