

**Richmond School District Policy Statement**  
**Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use**

**Policy #: 443.4**

The Board of Education recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the entire school community.

For purposes of this policy, "drugs" shall mean:

- A. all dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Wisconsin statute
- B. all chemicals which release toxic vapors
- C. all alcoholic beverages
- D. any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy
- E. "look-alikes"
- F. anabolic steroids
- G. any other illegal substance so designated and prohibited by law

The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of any drug and any drug-paraphernalia at any time on District property.

The District Administrator shall prepare guidelines for the identification, amelioration, and regulation of student drug use in the schools. Such guidelines shall:

- A. emphasize the prevention of drug use
- B. provide for a comprehensive, age-appropriate, developmentally-based drug and alcohol student education and prevention program which:
  - 1. addresses the legal, social, psychological, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use
  - 2. provides information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs and alcohol
  - 3. assists students to develop skills to make responsible decisions about substance abuse and other important health issues
  - 4. promotes positive emotional health, self-esteem, and respect for one's body
  - 5. meets the minimal objectives as stated in the essential performance objectives for health education as established by the State's Department of Education
- C. include a statement to students that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful
- D. provide standards of conduct that are applicable to all students which clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as a part of any school activity
- E. include a clear statement that disciplinary sanctions, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution, will be imposed on students who violate the school standards of conduct and a description of those sanctions. The sanctions may include, together with punitive action, voluntary referral to appropriate persons or agencies for screening and assessment. Such referral may only be made to qualified and properly licensed individuals or programs

- F. provide information about any drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation and reentry programs available to students and provide procedures to direct students and their parents to the appropriate programs
- G. require that all parents and students be given a copy of the standards of conduct regarding the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students
- H. require the notification to parents and students that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory
- I. provide practices which include guidelines for preventive, intervention, referral, treatment, and after-care. Such a program must be comprehensive in nature addressing all issues affecting students' academic, social, and emotional well being in the educational setting which may negatively affect behavior and interfere with their ability to learn
- J. establish means for dealing with students suspected of drug use or suspected of possessing or distributing drugs in school and ensure applicable school Board policies; compliant with all state and federal laws
- K. provide a biennial review of the school district's program to determine its effectiveness and implement changes as needed and to ensure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced for students and employees.

Professional staff members are not liable for referring a student to law enforcement or for removing a student from school premises or from participation in a school-related activity for suspicion of possession, distribution, or consumption of any alcoholic beverage or a controlled substance.

The District Administrator shall establish administrative guidelines necessary to implement this policy.

Legal References: Wisconsin Statutes: 118.24(2)(f),  
118.257,  
125.09(2),

Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986,  
20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq.  
20 U.S.C. 3224A

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