

Richmond School District Policy Statement
Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use

Policy #: 443.4

The District recognizes the importance of encouraging lifestyles that do not depend upon or glorify the use of alcohol or illegal drugs and conveying consistent messages regarding the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse. Therefore, the District shall take the following actions to further this cause:

- The District will join family and community efforts in providing necessary information, skills, role models, and experiences which discourage student alcohol and other drug abuse and provide support to students experiencing problems related to alcohol and other drugs.
- The District will provide information for staff members to increase their awareness and knowledge of student alcohol and other drug issues.
- No student will be permitted to wear any clothing that depicts, promotes or advertises alcohol, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia while on school premises, while using District-provided transportation, or while at District-sponsored activities.
- No advertising for alcoholic beverages will be accepted for any school publication or for posting on any District property.

The following apply whenever a student is on school premises or otherwise subject to the supervision of a school authority, including whenever a student is using District-provided transportation or participating in or attending any District-sponsored activity:

1. No student shall possess, use, distribute, sell, purchase, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
2. No student may possess, use, distribute, sell, or purchase drug paraphernalia.
3. Students may possess and use prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications only as permitted under the District's student medication policies, and students are prohibited from selling, purchasing, and distributing such medications to the same extent as applies to illegal drugs.
4. No student may possess, use, distribute, sell, purchase, or be under the influence of any controlled substance or controlled substance analog that is an intoxicant and that is not more specifically addressed by this policy, except to the extent any such possession or use is for a school-authorized purpose (e.g., a chemical used in an approved lab).

Students are expected to comply with this policy. Failure to comply shall result in school-imposed consequences which may include the provision of behavioral interventions and supports, appropriate referrals, sanctions under any applicable District's student activity code, and/or other disciplinary actions up to and including suspension or expulsion from school. Referrals may also be made to law enforcement officials.

Staff, students, and parents and guardians shall be informed of this policy via student handbooks and/or through other appropriate means.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

Section 118.01(2)(d)	[instruction on the effects of alcohol and controlled substances use, including prescription drugs, and drug abuse awareness and prevention]
Section 118.126	[privileged communication related to student alcohol/controlled substances use]
Section 118.24(2)(f)	[dissemination of information regarding alcohol and drug abuse services and related referrals]
Section 118.257	[liability exemption for referral to law enforcement officials and removal from school premises/activities for alcohol and other controlled substances]
Section 118.45	[tests for alcohol; policy required]
Section 120.13(1)	[school board power to adopt student conduct rules and discipline students]
Section 125.09(2)	[possession of alcohol on school grounds prohibited]
Chapter 961	[controlled substances laws]

Cross References: **Student Handbook**

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