

REVISED POLICY - VOL. 27, NO. 2

DRUG PREVENTION

- | The ~~School~~-**Governing** Board recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the entire school community.
- | [**X**] As the educational institution of this community, the schools should strive to prevent drug abuse and help drug abusers by educational, rather than punitive, means.

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

- | (**X**) all dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Indiana statute;
- | (**X**) any synthetic drug or derivative thereof defined as a controlled substance by Indiana statute;
- | (**X**) all chemicals which release toxic vapors;
- | (**X**) all alcoholic beverages;
- | (**X**) tobacco and tobacco products;
- | (**X**) any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy;
- | (**X**) anabolic steroids;
- | (**X**) any "look-alike" substances;
- | (**X**) 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-related paraphernalia at any time on ~~Corporation~~-**Career Center** property or at any school-related event. It further establishes a drug-free zone within 1000 feet of any facility used by the ~~Corporation~~-**Career Center** for educational purposes.

The ~~Superintendent~~Executive Director shall establish a drug-free schools committee for each school in the ~~Corporation~~Career Center. Each committee must consist of not more than fifteen (15) members who represent the following from the ~~Corporation~~Career Center:

- A. school personnel
- B. parents of students
- C. representatives of the community

Each drug-free schools committee shall:

- A. develop a drug-free school plan that:
  - 1. requires each school to collect and report drug related activities in the school, including suspensions, expulsions, exclusions, police actions, or any other type of drug related behavior; and
  - 2. addresses ways to eliminate illegal drugs and drug related behavior in schools;
- B. oversee the implementation of the school plan;
- C. oversee the implementation of the curriculum under I.C. 20-30-5-11 concerning the effects that alcoholic beverages, tobacco, prescription drugs, and controlled substances have on the human body and society at large.

The ~~Superintendent~~Executive Director shall prepare guidelines for the identification, amelioration, and regulation of 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 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;
- | (X) assists students to develop skills to make responsible decisions about substance abuse and other important health issues;
- | (X) promotes positive emotional health, self-esteem, and respect for one's body;
- | (X) 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;
- | [X] 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 a biennial review of the School Corporation's program to determine its effectiveness and implement changes as needed and to ensure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced;

J. ensure that drug-free schools committees have been established for each school in the Corporation and that each drug-free schools committee has fulfilled the duties required by this policy;

~~(-) provide for a student assistance program which includes guidelines for prevention activities and programs, for referrals of students to outside treatment providers, and for cooperative follow up after treatment has been provided;~~

~~(-) establish means for dealing with students suspected of drug use or suspected of possessing or distributing drugs in school and ensure that the Corporation's policy and administrative guidelines on Search and Seizure are complied with fully.~~

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The ~~Superintendent~~Executive Director shall establish administrative guidelines necessary to implement this policy.

I.C. 20-30-5-11

I.C. 20-34-2-1 et seq.

~~I.C. 35-41-1-26.3~~

I.C. 35-48-2-4

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

~~20 U.S.C. 3224A~~

20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq., The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (Title IV, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act)