



SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

# Lackawanna Trail School District

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## 916. DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

### 1. Purpose

This policy and its associated guidelines are an effort by the school district to respond effectively to the potential and current use and abuse of alcohol and drugs by members of its school **population**.

The school district will work through curriculum and classroom **activity, administrative and** faculty effort, and disciplinary procedures to prevent and intervene in the **abuse** of drug substances by members of the school population.

### Guidelines

These guidelines have been created to provide a consistent means for effectively responding to alcohol and drug related **situations that may occur at** school or at school-sponsored events. They have been written with due **consideration for the legal rights and responsibilities of administrators, faculty, students and parents who may find themselves involved in such situations,**

The following school **guidelines shall be** used, with reasonable judgement, when responding to **drug-related situations.**

#### T. POLICE INVOLVEMENT

The **involvement** of police authorities does not **subject the student to "double jeopardy" as in criminal** proceedings. The disciplinary action of the school district is independent of any subsequent legal action **the student may** encounter.

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II. SITUATIONS AND RESPONSES

A. Student caught with alcohol for first time

1. Immediate Action

The teacher will summon the principal or escort the student to the principal's office.

2. Investigation

The principal will request that the student empty his/her pockets and volunteer all drug and alcohol substances. The student's locker will be searched according to policy.

3. Notification of Parent

The parent will be contacted immediately, the situation described and a conference arranged.

4. Confidentiality

Information will be limited to the student, teacher, principal, disciplinarian, Superintendent, and parent.

S. Discipline

Following an informal hearing, the student will be suspended for a period of ten days. The student will also be required to see an appropriate drug and alcohol counselor regarding the incident. The student will be informed of the option of requesting a formal hearing before the Board of Education. Evidence will be

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submitted concerning past discipline problems, academic record, and attendance record.

6. Comments

The use of these procedures depends upon the cooperation of the student. Resistance on the part of the student may indicate the need to notify the police to investigate and initiate legal proceedings.

B. Student caught with controlled substance (drugs) for first time or with alcohol and is uncooperative.

1. Immediate Action

The teacher will summon the principal or escort the student to the principal's office.

2. Investigation

The principal will request that the student empty his/her pockets or purse and volunteer all drug or alcohol substances. The student's locker will be searched according to policy. If the student refuses to cooperate, even after notification of parents, police may be called in to conduct a search.

3. Notification of Parent

The parent will be contacted immediately and the situation described completely. The parent will be informed of police involvement.

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**4. Confidentiality**

Information will be limited to the student, teacher, principal, disciplinarian, Superintendent, parent and police.

**5. Disposition of Substance**

Controlled substances (drugs) will be sealed, documented and turned over to police with request for analysis. The substances and/or alcohol may be used as a basis and evidence for legal proceedings.

**6. Discipline**

Following an informal hearing, the student will be suspended for a period of ten days. A formal Board hearing will be required to consider additional disciplinary measures, including term of possible expulsion, pursuit of legal prosecution and potential conditions of return. Evidence will be submitted concerning student's discipline record, attendance record, and academic record.

**7. Notification of Police**

Police will be notified to carry out a search and/or investigation.

**C. Subsequent possession of a small amount of drug substance or alcohol**

**1. Immediate Action**

The teacher will summon the principal or escort the student to the principal's office.

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