

## **Students**

### **Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco**

#### **Rules and Regulations**

A student who on school grounds, during a school session, or anywhere at a school-sponsored activity is under the influence of alcohol, drugs or mood altering substances or possesses, uses, dispenses, sells or aids in the procurement of alcohol, narcotics, restricted drugs, mood altering substances, or any substance purported to be a restricted substance or over the counter drug may be subjected to discipline pursuant to the provisions and procedures outlined in Policy 5131 regarding Student Conduct and Discipline.

The parent(s)/guardian(s) of any student who is required to take medication (prescribed by a physician) during the school day shall so inform the school nurse or the person designated to act in the absence of a nurse. Such medication will then be administered under the supervision of the school nurse or the designated individual.

#### **Use Of Drugs Or Alcohol**

Any teacher or other school personnel, who believes that any student is not functioning properly, should contact the designated administrator who will escort the student to the nurse and fill out a referral. The staff is not being asked to evaluate whether or not this is chemical in nature. They are not being used to label or diagnose, but to report behavioral observations that might signal the need for more assessment.

The nurse will determine whether the student is in need of urgent medical attention. If so, the nurse will administer any first aid required and/or immediately request emergency services and will immediately notify the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).

If urgent medical attention is not required, the nurse will inform the administrator of the student's condition. The administrator will then contact and inform the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) of the situation, including physical and behavioral observations.

If it is determined that the student's inability to function properly is due to drug or alcohol abuse, the student may be subjected to the consequences outlined below:

#### **Possession Of Drugs Or Alcohol**

Any teacher or other school personnel who observes indications or receives information that any student is in the possession of controlled behavior affecting substances, should contact the designated administrator who will call in the student to determine whether the information is correct, and if so what substance is involved.

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#### **Possession Of Drugs Or Alcohol (continued)**

If the student is in possession of a controlled substance on his/her person or elsewhere, the administrator will impound such material.

The administrator will contact the parent and advise them of the problem and request that they come to school for a conference.

The student may be subject to the consequences outlined below:

#### **Consequences For Use/Possession Of Alcohol Or Drugs**

**The Ansonia Public Schools administration reserves the right to determine whether the student's behavior violates this policy in a manner that either warrants or requires that the student be recommended to the Board of Education for expulsion from the Ansonia Public School System pursuant to Policy 5131 and/or Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 10-233d(a)-(e).**

Any student in the Ansonia Public School System using, in possession of, or under the influence of, intoxicants, mood altering drugs, or look-alike drugs, or in possession of related drug paraphernalia during a school session, on school premises, or anywhere at a school-sponsored activity shall automatically be subject to penalties and consequences in accordance with Policy 5131 regarding Student Conduct and Discipline.

Any student found to be in violation of this policy will receive a ten (10) day suspension and possible expulsion that will follow the proper procedures for suspension and/or expulsion. The police will be notified in the case of possession. In addition, where appropriate and at the discretion of the Ansonia Board of Education, the student may be required to be participate in one or more of the following alternatives for assistance, at the expense of the student's family:

1. In-school counseling;
2. Referral to self-help groups within the community that are specifically set up to assist the person involved with alcohol or other drugs; and
3. Referral to appropriate agencies (i.e. agencies licensed to assess and treat drug, including alcohol, abuse).

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#### **Consequences For Use/Possession Of Alcohol Or Drugs (continued)**

##### **Second Violation**

Any student found to be in violation of this policy for a second time during his/her tenure in the Ansonia Public School System, will be recommended to the Board of Education for expulsion from the Ansonia Public School System pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 10-233d (a)-(e). In addition, the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required to seek additional counseling and provide written evidence of this counseling to the building administrator prior to the conclusion of the period for which the student is expelled.

##### **Selling or Distribution of Drugs or Alcohol**

Any teacher or other school personnel who observes indications (or receives information) of the sale of controlled behavior affecting substances should contact the designated administrator.

The administrator will call in the student in order to determine whether the information is correct, and if so what substance is involved.

If the student is in possession of a controlled substance on his/her person or elsewhere, the administrator will immediately impound such material.

The administrator will contact the parent and advise them of the problem and request that they come to the school for a conference.

The administrator will notify the police. If necessary, the administrator will sign a police report and will press charges against the student.

The student will be subject to the following consequences:

##### **Consequences For Selling Or Distributing Drugs Or Alcohol**

Any student who is found to be selling or distributing alcohol or drugs will be recommended to the Board of Education for expulsion from the Ansonia Public School System pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec 10-233d (a)-(e). In addition, the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required to seek additional counseling and provide written evidence of this counseling to the building administrator prior to the conclusion of the period for which the student is expelled.

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#### **Search Of Student Property**

Designated school personnel may search a student's car, locker, and bag and may demand that a student empty his/her pockets if they have a reasonable cause to believe that the student possesses objects or chemicals which may endanger the health, safety and welfare of himself/herself and/or others.

Such searches shall be made in the presence of at least one witness, and those conducting the search shall make a written report, dated and signed, of the contents of any property that is searched.

#### **Adults or Non-Students**

When there are indications that adults or non-students are involved in the use possession or selling of controlled substances the police should be notified immediately.

#### **Prescription Medications**

Prescription medications are to be construed as exceptions to this policy when used by the individual for whom they are prescribed in the manner and amount prescribed.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student.  
Surrender of physical evidence obtained from students.

10-212a Administration of medications in schools and at athletic events.  
Regulations

21a-240 Definitions. (8) "Controlled drugs".

21a-243 Regulation re schedules of controlled substances

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