

INSTRUCTION – ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ISSUES AND PROBLEMS FOR STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes the implications of alcohol and other drug health issues and problems. As the elected representatives of the community, and in keeping with our responsibilities relating hereto, we must continue to investigate these areas of concern. To this end, the professional staff of the district shall continue its efforts to educate students to the potential dangers resulting from alcohol and other drug use and abuse.

The alcohol and other drug program in the district shall center on the areas as follows:

Standards of Conduct

The Bemidji Area Schools clearly prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of alcohol or of illicit drugs by students on school premises or as part of any sanctioned school district activities.

Sanctions

Students will have imposed upon them for violations of this section sanctions up to and including expulsion from school. In addition, students who violate the standards of conduct will be referred for prosecution consistent with local, state and federal laws.

Prevention, Information and Identification

Primary prevention efforts provide students appropriate information and developmental experiences necessary to make responsible decisions regarding alcohol and other illicit drug use and nonuse. At a minimum, prevention efforts shall address legal, social and health consequences and that use of illicit drugs and unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful.

Early identification and intervention efforts providing assistance to students demonstrating behaviors of concern.

Crisis intervention procedures for students experiencing medical emergencies.

Re-entry support services for students returning to school after completing therapy for alcohol and other drug use problems.

Providing notification of the district's policy to students and parents is mandatory as it pertains to standards and sanctions for violations.

School district personnel will keep parents informed concerning problems which may arise in this regard; and will cooperate with law enforcement officials in connection with alleged violations of local, state and federal status.

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REFERENCES: 20 U.S.C. Section 123g (Educational Rights & Privacy Act)

18 U.S.C. et seq (Data Privacy Act)

M.S. 127.26 et seq (Fair Dismissal Act of 1974)

M.S. 609 et seq (Criminal Code)

M.S. 626.556 et seq (Maltreatment of Minors)

P.L. 101.226 (Drug Free Schools & Communities Act)

SBR 700-40-4 Consequences for Misbehavior

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