

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY (ADOPTED June 1985)

The Board of Trustees finds that possession on school premises of drugs and related paraphernalia, potent medicinal substances, alcohol, hallucinogenic drugs and volatile materials such as glue, distracts and endangers students, frustrates teaching, threatens the order and the safety of the school community and adversely affects the entire school system. The Board of Trustees also finds that the use on school premises of any substances referred to above accentuates and intensifies those unacceptable conditions.

For these reasons, the Board of Trustees adopts the following policies:

PART I POLICY ON STUDENT POSSESSION OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

A. A prohibited substance is not permitted on the school grounds. Any student possessing, using or delivering to another student any such substances shall be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension, dismissal or request for an evaluation which might result in support group attendance, residential treatment or private counseling. (See Part III).

Prohibited substances include all of those which are defined in 17-A M.R.S.A. §1101 and 1102 and those specifically listed below:

1. Narcotic Drugs (as defined in 17-A M.R.S.A. s1101, paragraph 6).
 2. Alcohol.
 3. Marijuana (as defined in 17-A M.R.S.A. s1101, paragraph 1).
 4. Potent medicinal substances (as defined in 22 M.R.S.A. s1102).
 5. Hallucinogenic drugs (as defined in 17-A M.R.S.A. s1102).
 6. Volatile materials such as glue, paints and aerosols when possessed for the purpose of inhalation.
 7. Steroids and look-alike drugs.
 8. Tobacco Products.
 9. E-cigarettes and other vaping devices
 10. Over the counter stimulants, depressants or other mood altering substance. No Doze, diet pills, etc.
 11. Paraphernalia and substance residue.
- B. The dealing, selling, transacting (i.e. exchanging money or other items in trade) or providing of illicit drugs, alcohol or look-alike drugs (i.e. prescribed or over the counter medications or any substance sold under the pretense of being a drug) on school property, or at school events away from school property, may result in dismissal.
- C. It is now the school's policy that anyone found to be vaping or having vaped, in school will be presumed to be using an illicit substance (marijuana) and disciplined accordingly. The school will not have the burden to prove marijuana is present, but will operate from the presumption that it is present in vaporizers when vaping in school or on school grounds.
- D. When deemed necessary and justified, the administration will authorize the unannounced use of law enforcement canines to search lockers and open areas of the school for illegal substance and/or materials.
- E. All medications which students are required to bring to school with them and which must be used during the time the student is participating in school functions shall be registered with the headmaster's office. Medications must be hand-delivered by a parent to appropriate school personnel.