

## **JICH – DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS (DRUG FREE ZONE)**

The School Board is concerned with the health, welfare, and student safety of its students. Therefore, the use, sale, transfer, distribution, possession or being under the influence of unauthorized prescription drugs, alcohol, narcotics, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, illegal drugs is prohibited on any school district property or in any district-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or district activities. This prohibition also applies to any district-sponsored or district-approved activity, event or function. The use, sale, transfer or possession of drug-related paraphernalia is also prohibited. For the purposes of this policy, a controlled substance shall include any controlled substance as defined in the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812(c) or RSA 318-B, Controlled Drug Act.

Dangerous and narcotic drugs, which a student has on prescription and carries onto school property for ingestion as prescribed by a doctor, will be kept in the School Nurse's Office.

Searches of persons reasonably suspected to be in violation of this policy will be conducted in accordance with Board policy.

Taking of illegal drugs, and/or possession of same, in any form, is not permitted at any time. Parents will be informed immediately if a student is in violation of this policy, and the matter will be brought to the attention of the Superintendent and other proper authorities.

**DRUGS** - In case a student appears to be under drug influence, the parent will be notified by school authorities to come for the student and remove him/her to his/her home or to medical facilities. In severe cases, if the parents will not come to the school, the Principal is authorized to call an ambulance to remove the Student to the hospital. Parents will be notified of this action and be responsible for the incurred expenses. The police shall be called at the discretion of the Principal. A conference with the parents, child and principal should be held as soon as possible.

Any student observed possessing, using, or under the influence of any illegal drugs or substances, and/or possessing illegal drug or substance paraphernalia shall be immediately brought to the Principal. The Principal shall call the police in every instance where drugs or paraphernalia are discovered. Any substance observed shall be immediately seized and put into a clean envelope, signed, and dated, and immediately turned over to the police. No school employee has the lawful authority to destroy any seized substance.

Upon reasonable evidence of possession, use, or under the influence of any illegal drugs or substances, and/or possessing illegal drug or substance paraphernalia by any student on District property, the student will be suspended from school for a period of 3 to 5 days per occurrence. The parent shall be notified of this action. A conference with the parents, child and principal should be held as soon as possible and prior to school attendance. Prior to being readmitted to the school, a student may be required to enroll in or complete a course of counseling regarding substance abuse.

Any student found selling, distributing, or giving away illegal drugs will be turned over to police authorities immediately and suspended from school at once pending Board action. Any student

convicted in court for illegally selling drugs on or off school property will be suspended from school pending Board action.

Students violating this policy shall be subject to Policy JICD-R “Administrative Procedure for Student Conduct, Discipline, and Due Process (Safe School Zones).”

ALCOHOL - Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on school property at any time. Parents will be notified of this action. The police shall be called at the discretion of the Principal. A conference with the parents, child and principal should be held as soon as possible.

Any student in possession of or under the influence of alcohol will be immediately suspended from school for a period of 3 to 5 days per occurrence. Prior to being readmitted to the school, a student may be required to enroll in or complete a course of counseling regarding substance abuse.

DRUG-FREE ZONE – Per RSA 193-B:2, it is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, prescribe, administer, dispense, or possess with intent to sell, disperse, or compound, any controlled drug or its analog, within a drug-free school zone at any time of the year.

The drug-free zone is an area which extends 1,000 feet surrounding the property of the Epping Schools, and within or immediately adjacent to school buses per RSA 193-B III. Any violation of this subjects the offender to severe penalties under the law.

#### Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

Policy JICD (Student Conduct, Discipline, and Due Process [Safe School Zones])

Policy JICD-R (Administrative Procedure for Student Conduct, Discipline, and Due Process [Safe School Zones])

21 U.S.C. § 812(c) (Controlled Substances Act)

RSA 318-C (Controlled Drug Act)

RSA 571-C:2 (Intoxicating Beverages at Interscholastic Athletic Contests)

Handbook (Referenced in Handbooks)

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PREVIOUS POLICY: November 15, 1976 – Alcohol Use

August 16, 1982 – Substance Abuse