

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

The CRCS Board of Directors and staff support a safe and healthy learning environment for students which is free of the detrimental effects of drugs and alcohol. Accomplishing this goal requires a cooperative effort among school staff, students, parents, law enforcement, and organizations concerned with the use of drugs and alcohol by school-aged youth.

In order to promote the safety, health, and well-being of students, the CRCS Board endorses a three- pronged approach to address the issue of drug and alcohol use: prevention/ education, intervention, and discipline. It is vitally important for the students, parents, staff, and community members to understand that the CRCS Board considers the use of, possession, purchase, sale, and/or trafficking of drugs and alcohol to be an exceptionally serious infraction which may warrant punishment up to and including expulsion. The Executive Director is responsible for developing appropriate administrative

procedures, curricula, and programs to implement this policy.

A. Prohibited Conduct

No student enrolled in and attending CRCS shall distribute, dispense, possess, use, or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, fortified wine, or other intoxicating liquor. Nor shall a student manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use, or be under the influence of any "bath salts," narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug or mushroom, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid, any other controlled substance defined in federal and state laws/regulations, any look-alike substance or designer drug such as ecstasy, any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance, or other harmful substances such as aerosol sprays. Possession of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited.

These prohibitions apply to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any time or place directly interferes with the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school.

This policy does not apply to students taking medications in compliance with CRCS Board Policy JLCD— Administering Medications to Students.

B. Disciplinary Action

Principals may suspend and/or recommend expulsion of middle or high school students who violate this policy, based upon the facts of each case and in accordance with established disciplinary procedures. Students may also be referred to law enforcement authorities for investigation and/or prosecution.

See JICH-R—Drug and Alcohol Use by Students Administrative Procedure for further details regarding disciplinary procedures.

C. Prevention/Education

CRCS will provide students with appropriate information and activities focused on educating students about drugs and alcohol and preventing their use. Programs shall teach students that the use of drugs and alcohol is wrong and harmful; how to resist peer pressure; and address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug and alcohol abuse.

D. Intervention

CRCS has established a team approach to intervene with students with drug/alcohol problems. Students will be assisted in addressing their drug/alcohol problems and in continuing their educational program. Students and parents will be provided with information and referral, if necessary, to aid them in obtaining assistance from appropriate community organizations. Student records concerning interventions shall be kept confidential as required by state and federal laws. The CRCS Board expects parents and students to work in a positive, cooperative fashion to assist students in achieving sobriety and chemical/drug-free behavior.

E. Policy Communication

The Executive Director shall distribute this policy and appropriate related information to staff, students, and parents on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by the Executive Director and Principal.

Legal Reference: 21 USC § 812 (Controlled Substances Act)

21 CFR Part 1300.11-15

Pub.L.No. 101-226 (Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989)

17-A MRSA § 1101

22 MRSA §§ 2390-2394

42 USC § 290dd-2

42 CFR § 2.1 et seq.

20-A MRSA §§ 1001(9); 4008

Cross Reference: GBEC – Drug-Free Workplace

JICH-R – Drug and Alcohol Use by Students Administrative Procedure

JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety

JKD – Suspension of Students

JKE – Expulsion of Students

JLCD – Administering Medication to Students

JRA – Student Records

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