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STUDENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Rochester School Board recognizes that substance abuse has a serious negative impact on our society that extends beyond the individual. The board also recognizes the responsibility of the Rochester School District to commit to a substance-free school environment. It is necessary to maintain a strong educational program, to establish firm guidelines for the protection of the school population from exposure to substance abuse/abusers while ensuring the rights of all.

The Rochester School Board reaffirms its commitment to work cooperatively with students, parents, the police, social agencies, and the community in general to address this issue as it affects individual students and the total school population.

It is the responsibility of each staff member to report immediately any suspicion of drug or alcohol use, possession and/or sale, to a building administrator who will take appropriate action, including but not necessarily limited to:

1. appropriate medical attention
2. notification of the parent
3. notification of the proper authorities
4. any other action deemed necessary

In cases where a student appears to be severely under the influence, if the parents will not or cannot come to school or if deemed necessary, the principal is authorized to call an ambulance to transport the student to a hospital. Parents will be notified of this action and be responsible for the incurred expenses.

Students requiring prescription or other medication are expected to follow policies EBBA 1 and EBBA 3.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION:

1. Any student selling/distributing illegal drugs or non-approved substances on school property will:
 - a. be immediately suspended from school. The student's parents and the Rochester Police Department will be notified.
 - b. be referred to the Discipline Committee for possible long-term suspension or expulsion
 - c. be required to show proof of appropriate counseling approved by the school administration before re-admittance is considered.
2. Any student found to be under the influence of illegal drugs/alcohol, transporting such substances, or found in the possession of drugs or alcohol including paraphernalia within the jurisdiction of the school district shall:
 - a. On the first offense, be suspended from school by the principal for ten days and referred to Discipline Committee. The suspension will be reduced to five days if the student enrolls in and successfully completes all requirements for Teen Drug Court or if the family can adequately demonstrate that the student is enrolled in and attending counseling approved by the administration to address the substance abuse concern. The student's parents and the Rochester Police Department will be notified.
 - b. On a second offense, be referred to the Discipline Committee for possible long-term suspension or expulsion. The student's parents and the Rochester Police Department will be notified.

3. Any student in possession of non-approved substances may at the discretion of the principal be disciplined or referred to the Discipline Committee.

The above penalties for violation of these policies shall be cumulative throughout the school career of the individual student.

NON-APPROVED SUBSTANCES:

The definition and examples of non-approved substances are included in the student handbooks.

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