

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: STUDENTS

TITLE: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/
PARAPHERNALIA

ADOPTED: April 12, 2012

REVIEWED:

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definitions 35 P.S. Sec. 780-102 21 U.S.C. Sec. 812</p> <p>Pol. 210</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">227. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/PARAPHERNALIA</p> <p>The Board recognizes that the abuse of controlled substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community. As an educational institution, the schools shall strive to prevent abuse of controlled substances.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, controlled substances shall include all:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Controlled substances prohibited by federal and state law. 2. Look-alike drugs. 3. Alcoholic beverages. 4. Anabolic steroids. 5. Drug paraphernalia. 6. Any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products. 7. Substances that when ingested cause a physiological effect that is similar to the effect of a controlled substance as defined by state or federal law. 8. Prescription or nonprescription (over-the-counter) medications, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy. <p>For purposes of this policy, under the influence shall include any consumption or ingestion of controlled substances by a student.</p> <p>School Property - the school buildings and its grounds, including athletic fields (contiguous or remote), parking lots, contiguous streets and sidewalks; student owned or operated vehicles while parked or operated at any of the preceding locations; and school buses.</p>
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<p>3. Authority SC 510, 511 Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p> <p>Pol. 218</p> <p>Pol. 122, 123</p>	<p>School-Sponsored Activity - any school sponsored or school approved function to include but not limited to: all regular school day operations; after school activities, such as, clubs, rehearsals, practices, meetings, dismissal; evening and nonschool day activities such as, dances, athletic contests, concerts, theater performances, educational field trips; and activities trips--local, distant, or overnight such as, athletic contests, music competitions, etc.</p> <p>The Board prohibits students from using, possessing, distributing, and being under the influence of any controlled substances during school hours, at any time while on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, and during the time spent traveling to and from school and to and from school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>The Board may require participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into the school's educational, extracurricular or athletic programs resulting from violations of this policy.</p> <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. 2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities. 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
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<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337 Pol. 218, 233</p> <p>SC 1303-A</p> <p>35 P.S. Sec. 807.1</p> <p>35 P.S. Sec. 807.2 Pol. 233</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to identify and control substance abuse in the schools which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of using, possessing, being under the influence, or distributing controlled substances in school, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution. 2. Disseminate to students, parents/guardians and staff the Board policy and administrative regulations governing student abuse of controlled substances. 3. Provide education concerning the dangers of abusing controlled substances. 4. Establish procedures for education and readmission to school of students convicted of offenses involving controlled substances. <p>Incidents of possession, use and sale of controlled substances by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.</p> <p>In all cases involving students and controlled substances, the need to protect the school community from undue harm and exposure to drugs shall be recognized.</p> <p>No student may be admitted to a program that seeks to identify and rehabilitate the potential abuser with the intelligent, voluntary and aware consent of the student and parent/guardian.</p> <p>During conferences concerning violations of this policy, the administration shall advise students/parents of potential penalties for violations and repeat violations.</p> <p><u>Anabolic Steroids</u></p> <p>The Board prohibits the use of anabolic steroids by students involved in school-related athletics, except for a valid medical purpose. Body building and muscle enhancement of athletic ability are not valid medical purposes. Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid.</p> <p>Students shall be made aware of the dangers of steroid use; that anabolic steroids are classified as controlled substances; and that their use, unauthorized possession, purchase, or sale could subject students to suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.</p>
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Reasonable Suspicion/Testing

If based on the student's behavior, medical symptoms, vital signs or other observable factors, the building principal has reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the student may be required to submit to drug or alcohol testing. The testing may include but is not limited to the analysis of blood, urine, saliva, or the administration of a Breathalyzer test.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 511, 1302.1-A, 1303-A

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 403.1

PA Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 780-101 et seq.

Steroids – 35 P.S. Sec. 807.1 et seq.

PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees Relating to Drug or Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114, 7161

Controlled Substances Act – 21 U.S.C. Sec. 801 et seq.

Board Policy – 122, 123, 210, 218, 233

SUPERSEDES: Policy No. 227, Drug, Mind Altering Substance, and Alcohol Abuse adopted December 8, 1994 and reviewed February 2005; Policy No. 5145.1, Drug and Alcohol Abuse

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