

REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: SUBSTANCE ABUSE

CODE: JFCI

The Reedsport School District recognizes that use and abuse of chemicals by students has a detrimental effect on the ability of the student to learn and the ability of the staff to provide a meaningful educational program.

Student possession, use, transmitting, selling, buying, distribution, or being under the influence of tobacco, tobacco products, alcohol, drug paraphernalia, mood and mind-altering substances, controlled substances or imitation controlled substances, unlawful drugs and other drugs, including the misuse of prescription or over-the-counter drugs, on or near school grounds or while participating in school-sponsored activities is prohibited.

If possession or use occurred on school grounds or while participating in school-sponsored activities, students will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. If possession or use occurred near school grounds, disciplinary action may include removal from any or all extracurricular activities and/or forfeiture of any school honors or privileges. Appropriate health and law enforcement agencies may be involved in at least a consultative and investigative capacity. Parents will be notified. Board policy JFCG - Use of Tobacco, Alcohol or Drugs, also addresses this issue.

With a focus on prevention, staff will educate students about the problems related to substance abuse. Substance abuse programs shall contain the following components: identification of students who have chemical abuse issues, referral of students for treatment services beyond the scope of school programs, administration of appropriate consequences, and coordination with other community agencies in solving problems related to substance abuse.

The district will maintain a K-12 drug and alcohol prevention curriculum, maintain a system of identification and referral, encourage training in this area, communicate with the community approaches for combating substance abuse, and establish working relationships with community groups to help address the issues of chemical abuse. The district will function as an educator, identifier, and referring agent in order to promote the safety, health, and well being of students.

In implementation of this policy, district staff:

- Shall develop administrative action for students who violate this policy by using, transmitting, or possessing alcohol, drugs, controlled substances or imitation controlled substances.
- Shall disseminate information to explain the policy and administrative action to all students, staff and parents.

- Shall develop inservice and provide training for staff and other individuals to effectively facilitate this policy.
- Shall teach a drug and alcohol education curriculum to all students of the Reedsport School District.
- Shall develop Drug and Alcohol Education Program (INSIGHT) for counseling, education and treatment of all students who violate this policy or voluntarily refer themselves for drug and/or alcohol counseling.

Definitions

Self-Referral - A student request for assistance with regard to his/her substance abuse problem.

Peer Referral – A student requesting assistance for another person involved in substance abuse.

Parent Referral – A request for assistance from a parent or legal guardian regarding his/her child's substance abuse.

Staff Referral – A request for assistance from a staff member relating to a student who may have a substance abuse problem.

Other Referral – a request for assistance regarding information gained through a person or event that reveals a student's possible substance abuse involvement.

Substance abuse - means the use of any substance with abuse potential which is toxic, corrosive, an irritant, a strong sensitizer, flammable, combustible, generates or is used to generate pressure, if such substance or mixture of substances is used in a manner that may cause substantial personal injury or severe illness when induced by any means into the human body;

Unlawful drug - means any drug not prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner;

Drug paraphernalia - means all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are marketed for the use or designed for the use in manufacturing, compounding, producing, processing, preparing, analyzing, packaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise inducing a controlled substance or intoxicant into the human body.

Chemicals – Alcohol, mood and mind-altering substances, controlled substances, unlawful drugs, and other drugs, including the misuse of prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs and/or substances listed in ORS 475.005(6).

Use and Possession – Students who use, possess, or are under the influence of chemicals on district property anytime during school hours or at any school sponsored activity.

Distribution – Students who share and/or sell chemicals to other students or persons on district property anytime during school hours or at any school sponsored activity.

Found – Positive proof other than referral, that the student has involvement in use, possession, or distribution of chemicals on district property anytime during school hours or at any school sponsored activity.

The unlawful possession or use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, controlled substances or imitation controlled substances on school district property or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited.

The use of school district property, buildings or school function or in any situation where it is reasonably foreseeable that further transactions could ultimately involve the use of school district property, buildings, or school function for the possession, use, transmission, distribution, gift, storage or sale of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug, narcotic or imitation controlled substance is prohibited.

Being unlawfully under the influence of any drug or alcoholic beverage on school district property or at a school-sponsored activity is prohibited.

Students who are at risk because of a substance abuse problem will receive professional assistance. Assistance will follow one of two procedures.

Non-disciplinary procedures

Non-disciplinary procedures will apply to students who self-refer.

Students who self-refer will not be subject to disciplinary action (however self-referral does not negate consequences of extra curricular rule violation) by the school district and all information will be treated confidentially. The district staff will inform the student that as soon as appropriate, contact will be made with the student's parents. It is the goal of the district staff to provide information to the student and the parent regarding the impact of substance abuse on his/her personal, physical, and academic well being. The student and, if possible, the parent/guardian will meet with the school's designated representative to hold an interview and to develop a plan for assistance.

Students under referral status who are found by a school official to have used, possessed, or distributed alcohol or unlawful drugs shall be subject to discipline procedures listed below.

Disciplinary Procedures

Students who are found by a school official, for a first time violation, to have used, possessed, or distributed chemicals shall be subject to disciplinary actions. Referral is no longer an option at this time. Administration shall:

- Notify and request an immediate conference with the parent(s) or guardian of the student.
- Suspend the student for the violation of the district policy for five (5) school days.

- Notify the appropriate law enforcement/juvenile agency regarding the student's involvement in chemicals.

A conference will be held by the principal and may include the student, the student's parents, the police and school personnel. At the conference, the student will be questioned regarding the use and source of the chemicals.

At the conference, the student and the student's parents will be requested to sign a Drug/Alcohol Reinstatement form that will guarantee that the student and the student's parents will participate in the district-approved Drug and Alcohol Education Program. INSIGHT will include counseling and education for both parents and students. The student will be required to participate in a regularly scheduled school counseling/monitoring program as a part of the reinstatement option.

If the student enrolls in INSIGHT, the student will be allowed to attend school following the suspension. Should the student refuse to sign the Drug/Alcohol Reinstatement form or fail to complete the INSIGHT Program, the student will face an expulsion hearing.

If a student is found, for a second violation, to have used, possessed, or distributed chemicals within twenty-four (24) months of a prior violation, the following action will be taken:

- Notify and request an immediate conference with the parent(s) or guardian of the student.
- Suspend the student for the violation of the district policy for five (5) school days.
- Notify the appropriate law enforcement/juvenile agency regarding the student's involvement in chemicals.
- A conference will be held by the principal and may include the student, the student's parents, the police and school personnel. At the conference, the student will be questioned regarding the use and source of the drugs and/or alcohol.
- If, after the conference, the student is determined to have violated district policy on Drug/Alcohol the administration shall follow the district expulsion procedure.

Students found to be in possession (but not using) tobacco or imitation substances on district property or during school sponsored activities will be subject to discipline action.

Any student found using tobacco products or imitation substances on district property or at school sponsored activities shall be subject to disciplinary actions. Referral is no longer an option at this time.

Administration will:

- Notify the parent(s) or guardian of the student.
- Suspend the student from school for up to 3 days.
- Notify the appropriate law enforcement/juvenile agency regarding the student's use of tobacco.

END OF POLICY

Legal References: ORS 161.605 OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075
 ORS 161.625 OAR 581-022-0413
 ORS 332.107 OAR 581-053-0015
 ORS 336.067 OAR 581-053-0545 (4)(c)(R,S,T)
 ORS 336.222 OAR 581-053-0550 (5)(t,u,v)
 ORS 336.227 OAR 584-020-0040
 ORS 339.240
 ORS 339.250
 ORS 475 et seq.

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