



*Center Area
School District*

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: DRUG AWARENESS
 ADOPTED: JANUARY 22, 2004
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	<p style="text-align: center;">227. DRUG AWARENESS</p> <p>1. Purpose The aim of the Center Area Drug and Alcohol Policy is to create an environment that enhances the health and welfare of the students in relation to drug and alcohol use/abuse within its school population.</p> <p>2. Philosophy The District acknowledges that chemical and alcohol abuse is a treatable disease that interferes with the individual's comprehensive well-being and functioning within the school and family.</p> <p>The District recognizes the need for effective drug and alcohol education for its students. The District also recognizes the need for a disciplinary policy for those individuals who use and/or abuse drugs. Concern for the individual as well as for the health of the entire school community is addressed in this policy.</p> <p>3. Statement of Policy The Board assumes a responsible posture to support the administration and district staff in their commitment to effectively coordinate the efforts of the school with those of the community, family and law enforcement agencies to educate, prevent and intervene in the use and abuse of all drug, alcohol and mood-altering substances by its student population. To accomplish this goal, the District will provide for the adoption of a coordinated curriculum, community involvement, cooperation with appropriate agencies and the implementation of student support programs.</p> <p>To protect the health, safety and welfare of its students, staff and the educational process, the District prohibits the use, possession, sale or distribution of mood-altering substances on school property, lockers, vehicles used to transport students, at designated school bus stops and at school sponsored activities. The violation of this policy shall be cause for a student to be disciplined as prescribed by Board Policy. This revised policy shall be empowered to supersede the existing policies on suspension and expulsion as related to drugs and alcohol if there is documentation substantiating cooperative behavior as defined by this policy.</p> <p>This policy will be a part of the overall code or policy in existence, which is intended to promote the total educational process in the Center Area School District. Should a situation arise that is not specifically described by this policy, the</p>
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<p>4. Definitions</p>	<p>Superintendent and building principal, after consultation with CORE team, will have final decision-making authority.</p> <p><u>Drug/Mood-Altering Substance/Alcohol</u> shall include any alcohol or malt beverage, any drug listed in Act 64 (1972) as a controlled substance, chemical, abused substance or medication for which a prescription is required under the law and/or any substance which is intended to alter mood. Examples include but are not limited to beer, wine, liquor, marijuana, hashish, crack, cocaine, chemical inhalants, designer drugs, and look-alike substance or pills not registered with the nurse.</p> <p><u>Drug Paraphernalia</u> includes any utensil or item, which, in the school's judgment, can be associated with the use of drugs, alcohol or mood-altering substances. Examples include but are not limited to roach clips, pipes and bowls.</p> <p><u>Possession</u> possesses or hold, without any attempt to distribute any alcohol, drug, or mood-altering substance determined to be illegal or as defined by this policy.</p> <p><u>Distributing</u> deliver, sell, pass, share or give any alcohol, drug, or mood-altering substance, as defined by this policy, from one person to another or to aid therein.</p> <p><u>Student Assistance Team</u> is a multidisciplinary team composed of school personnel (teachers, administrators, nurses, pupil personnel specialist, counselors). This team, trained to understand and deal with issues of chemical use, abuse and dependency, will play a primary role in the identification of dysfunctional behavior, the referral process, coordinating efforts with community resources, and in developing in-school support programs.</p> <p><u>Prevention/Intervention Specialist</u> is a certified program specialist with expertise in the area of social restoration and student high-risk behaviors.</p> <p><u>Cooperative Behavior</u> the willingness of a student to work with staff and school personnel in a reasonable and helpful manner, complying with requests and recommendations made by the members of the Student Assistance Team.</p> <p><u>Uncooperative Behavior</u> the resistance or refusal, either verbal, physical or passive on the part of the student to comply with the reasonable request or recommendations of school personnel. Defiance, assault, deceit, destruction of property and flight shall constitute examples of uncooperative student behavior. Uncooperative behavior shall also include parent/guardian and/or a student's refusal to comply with the recommendations made by members of the Student Assistance Team.</p> <p><u>Administrative Guidelines</u></p> <p>The District's administrative guidelines are an integral part of this policy. These guidelines provide the vehicle that is necessary to implement the Board's policy. The</p>
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<p>Act 93 of 1989</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>administrative guidelines include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Functions of the School The School Staff's Role in Dealing with Drug and Alcohol Situations Conducting Searches Confiscating of a Substance Confidentiality Due Process Police Involvement In-Service Programs <p><u>PROHIBITION OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS</u></p> <p>Eligibility for participation in school athletics shall be limited. No student shall be eligible to resume participation in school athletics unless there has been a medical determination that no residual evidence of steroids exists. The Board may require participation in any drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into a school athletic program.</p> <p>The use of steroids by students involved in athletics is prohibited. In addition to the prohibition of use, the Board directs the administration to develop educational plans regarding the use of anabolic steroids.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall prescribe, implement and enforce rules and regulations to prohibit the use of anabolic steroids, except for a valid medical purpose, by any student involved in school-related athletics. 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 under the provisions of the law.</p> <p>Education regarding the dangers of anabolic steroids shall be provided in other district drug and alcohol programs.</p> <p>The following minimum penalties are prescribed for any student found in violation of the rules and regulations required above. Violation of rules and regulations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For a first violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season.
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<p>Act 104 of 1989 42 P.S. 8337 Pol. 233</p> <p>School Code 510</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.12</p> <p>PA Statute 42 P.S. 8337</p> <p>Other Cite Act 104 of 1989</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. For a second violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season and for the following season.3. For a third violation, permanent suspension from school athletics. <p>Students should be made aware that anabolic steroids are classified as controlled substances and that the use, unauthorized possession, purchasing, or selling could subject them to suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.</p>
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