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DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

The North Country Charter Academy will provide a drug-free workplace in accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1988 and Amendments of 1989 (41 USC Section 701 Et. Seq.). In compliance with statutory requirements, the school will:

1. Notify all employees, in writing, that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of illicit drugs and alcohol is prohibited in the school's workplace and that any violation is subject to disciplinary action. Notification will be accomplished by distribution of this policy to all employees.
2. Annual training will be conducted with employees and will cover the following:
 - a. The dangers of illicit drugs in the workplace;
 - b. The school's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance and/or re-entry programs; and
 - d. The penalty/penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug and alcohol violations occurring in the workplace.
3. Notify employees that, as a condition of employment in the school, they will agree to and abide by the terms of the policy, and will notify the school of any drug statute conviction resulting from workplace conduct within five days of the conviction.
4. Establish the following as grounds for disciplinary action:
 - a. Working under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, no matter where consumed.
 - b. Having an unsealed container of alcohol or consuming alcohol on school property. (Any employee who finds any type of container of alcohol on school property should report it to the Principal as soon as possible.)
 - c. Possessing or distributing controlled substances on school property.
5. Alert the local law enforcement agency of suspected violations of the policy.

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6. Take any of the following disciplinary actions (either alone or in combination) regarding an employee who is in violation of the policy:
 - a. Suspension
 - b. Termination of employment
 - c. Satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state or local health or law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

7. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of all the provisions of this policy. In so doing, the school will conduct a biennial review of its programs to determine their effectiveness and to ensure that the disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced and changes are implemented, if needed.

LEGAL REF: RSA 193-B (Drug Free School Zones)

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