

DRUG AND ALCOHOL INVOLVEMENT BY STUDENTS

Centennial BOCES shall promote a healthy environment for students by providing education, support and decision making skills in regard to alcohol, drugs, and other controlled substances and their abuse. In order to accomplish this goal, a cooperative effort must be made among Centennial BOCES, parents/guardians, the community and its agencies.

It shall be a violation of Board policy, and may be considered to be behavior which is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or Centennial BOCES personnel for any student to possess, use, sell, distribute or exchange or to be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances. The unlawful possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances is wrong and harmful to students.

For purposes of this policy, controlled substances include but are not limited to narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic or mind-altering drugs or substances, amphetamines, barbiturates, stimulants, depressants, marijuana, anabolic steroids, any other controlled substances as defined in law, or any prescription or nonprescription drug, medicine, vitamin, or other chemical substance not taken in accordance with the Board's policy and regulation on administering medicines to students or the Board's policy on administration of medical marijuana to qualified students.

This policy also includes substances that are represented by or to a student to be any such controlled substance or what the student believes to be any such substance.

This policy shall apply to any student on Centennial BOCES property, being transported in vehicles dispatched by Centennial BOCES or one of its schools, during a school-sponsored or Centennial BOCES-sponsored activity or event, off Centennial BOCES property when the conduct has a reasonable connection to school or any Centennial BOCES curricular or non-curricular event, or whose conduct at any time or place interferes with the operations of Centennial BOCES or the safety or welfare of students or employees.

Students violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions that may include suspension and/or expulsion from school and referral for prosecution. Disciplinary sanctions and interventions for violations of this policy shall be in accordance with this policy's accompanying regulation.

Situations in which a student seeks counseling or information from a professional staff member for the purpose of overcoming substance abuse

shall be handled on an individual basis depending upon the nature and particulars of the case.

Whenever possible in dealing with student problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse Centennial BOCES personnel shall provide parents/guardians and students with information concerning education and rehabilitation programs which are available.

Information provided to students and/or parents/guardians about community substance abuse treatment programs or other resources shall be accompanied by a disclaimer to clarify that Centennial BOCES assumes no financial responsibility for the expense of drug or alcohol assessment or treatment provided by other agencies or groups unless otherwise required.

LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. § 7101 et seq. Safe & Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994
21 U.S.C. 812 definition of "controlled substance"
C.R.S. 18-18-407 (2) crime to sell, distribute or possess controlled substance on or near school grounds or school vehicles
C.R.S. 22-1-119.3 (3)(c), (d) no student possession or self-administration of medical marijuana, but schools must permit the student's primary caregiver to administer medical marijuana to the student on school grounds, on a school bus or at a school-sponsored event
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2) (a) (I)(G) policy required as part of safe schools plan
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1) (d) suspension or expulsion discretionary for the sale of a drug or controlled substance
C.R.S. 25-1.5-106 (12)(b) possession or use of medical marijuana in or on school grounds or in a school bus is prohibited
C.R.S. 25-14-103.5 must adopt policies prohibiting use of retail marijuana on school property

CROSS REFS.: JIH, Student Interviews, Interrogations, Searches and Arrests
JK-2, Discipline of Students with Disabilities
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students
JLCD, Administering Medications to Students
JLCDB, Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students

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