

No. 227-AR
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Proposed AR

227-AR. DRUGS, ALCOHOL, STEROIDS, OTHER CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

The Springfield Township School District is concerned about the health and safety of its students and recognizes the dangers of illegal use, consumption, distribution, sale, possession, holding, manufacture, and/or influence of steroids, alcohol, controlled substances or other drugs in any form without proper medical prescription, and the possession, sale, or distribution of drug paraphernalia. Aforementioned prohibited activities in school, on school property, or at school-related activities will be dealt with in the following manner.

A. Suspicion or Confirmation of Illegal Use of Drugs, Alcohol, Steroids and Other Controlled Substances

1. The student under suspicion of the use of illegal substances will be brought immediately to the medical room or other appropriate location. The building nurse or designee will record the incident, and the record will remain in the Category C file until the incident has been properly reviewed. If suspected use occurs away from school, the student shall be taken to the closest medical facility as an emergency precaution, and the parent/guardian shall be contacted immediately to discuss the situation. In any case, the principal or his/ her designee shall be notified promptly.
2. If an incident should occur at school or on school property, the parent/guardian will be called promptly, informed of the situation, and asked to take the student to the family physician immediately for assessment of the student's condition.
3. The school principal or designee will contact the parent/ guardian and the family physician to hold a conference to review the situation.
4. If the conference review determines that the suspicion is unfounded, any record of the incident shall be destroyed by the school principal, and the student shall be re-admitted to the normal class schedule.

5. If the conference review provides confirmation that there was use of illegal substances, this incident shall be considered grounds for suspension or expulsion in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The student may be suspended for a period of up to ten (10) days, and may be banned from athletic or co-curricular activities for the remainder of the season/ semester. Repeated offenses could result in suspension from school activities for one (1) year from the date of the offense or permanent suspension from school activities. Suspension or expulsion will be based upon the recommendation of the school principal, as authorized by the Superintendent or his/her designee. Any expulsion shall follow proper due process procedures and shall involve an action by the Board of School Directors.
6. Where an incident is confirmed or where, in the judgment of the school administration, the incident appears to present a clear danger to students or others, the police will be notified of the incident, and the school administration will cooperate with the appropriate agencies.
7. The school reserves the right to require a formal written report from the student's attending physician regarding the student's condition and any recommended treatment. The school administration may deny a student's re-admission to school until such report is received. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the chief school physician shall review any medical report and shall certify that it is appropriate to re-admit the student.
8. In cases of confirmed use of any illegal substance, the student will not be eligible to resume participation in school activities unless there has been a medical determination by the student's family physician that there is no residual evidence of such illegal usage.

B. Suspicion or Confirmation of Illegal Possession, Distribution, Dealing, Sale, Holding, or Manufacture of Drugs, Alcohol, Steroids, other Controlled Substances, and/or Drug Paraphernalia

1. The student under suspicion of the above-named prohibited activities will be brought immediately to the principal's office, and a record of the incident will be made. Such record will remain in the Category C file until the incident has been reviewed. If an incident should occur away from school, the responsible administrator/faculty member shall record the incident and report same to the principal or his/her designee as soon as practicable.

2. The parent/guardian will be contacted, informed of the situation, and asked to report to the school immediately, if the incident occurs at school. If an incident should occur away from school, the responsible administrator/faculty member will contact the parent/guardian as soon as practicable.
3. Any illegal substances or paraphernalia shall be confiscated in accordance with appropriate legal procedures. The police will be notified. The school administration will cooperate with the appropriate agencies.
4. The school principal will conduct a conference with the parent/guardian, police, and other appropriate agencies.
5. If the conference review determines that the suspicion is unfounded, any record of the incident shall be destroyed by the school principal, and the student shall be re-admitted to the normal class schedule.
6. If the conference review provides confirmation that there was illegal possession, distribution, dealing, sale, holding, manufacture of drugs, alcohol, steroids, and/or other controlled substances, such incident shall be considered grounds for immediate suspension for a period of up to ten (10) days or, after appropriate proceedings, expulsion. Suspension or expulsion will be based upon the recommendation of the school principal as authorized by the Superintendent. All suspensions and expulsions shall be governed by the Student Code of Conduct and shall conform to all appropriate due process procedures.

C. Systematic Suspicionless Testing

1. Systematic suspicionless testing may be performed at school dances and/or proms as determined by the High School Principal upon consultation with the Superintendent. For purposes of this Regulation, "systematic" means either testing of all students or a predetermined selection of students, i.e., every 3rd, 8th, etc.
2. In advance of any functions at which systematic suspicionless testing may be used, the Administration shall notify students and parents in a manner reasonably calculated to promote awareness of the nature and extent of the testing.

3. Before each event, the Administration will develop a written protocol indicating the specific manner in which tests will be administered and establishing the specific method by which students will be selected for testing, including where testing of fewer than all students is performed, the ratio of students to be tested.
4. The persons administering the testing will be properly trained in the operation of the device(s) used.
5. Testing may be by breathalyzer or similar non-invasive testing.

D. General Requirements

1. School administrative personnel shall have the authority to conduct searches in accordance with the law.
2. The School District reserves the right to require participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing, or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into any school or school sponsored program.
3. This Administrative Rule, 227-AR, will be made a part of the Student and Parent Consent Form which requires student and parent/guardian review and signatures before a student can participate in athletic or co-curricular activities.
4. The prohibitions outlined above in this administrative rule apply to visitors and guests on school property and at school-related activities. The school principal or his/her designee will be responsible for ensuring compliance with these prohibitions on school property and at school-related activities by denying attendance at such functions to any violator or anyone suspected of being in violation of this policy.
5. In cases of confirmed violations, the student will be referred to the school's Student Assistance Program (SAP), and the student and his/her family shall be expected to follow the referral recommendations of the SAP team.
6. To the extent practicable, testing of students pursuant to this regulation will be done with regard to the privacy of the students tested.

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