

Regulation

SUBSTANCE ABUSES

Whenever a teacher or staff member suspects that a student is under the influence and/or in possession of any controlled substance, the following procedures shall be implemented:

- A. The staff member shall report his/her suspicion to an administrator;
- B. The student shall be sent to the nurses office for a medical review/examination:
 1. Student shall be escorted by a designated staff member to the school nurse;
 2. The school nurse or school medical staff shall examine the student:
 - a. If so determined by the nurse, an ambulance will be called, and the parents/guardians notified;
 - b. If an ambulance is not needed the parents/guardians shall be notified.
- C. In the case that medical attention is required an ambulance shall be called to transport the student to the hospital, a designated member of the school staff shall accompany the student in or follow behind the ambulance if the parents/guardians are not present;
- D. In the case where medical attention is not required but the student is suspected to be under the influence the student shall be escorted by a designated staff person to the office of the vice principal to await the parents/guardians. The student shall be supervised at all times until arrival of the parent/guardian;
- E. If the parents/guardians refuse to come to school, DCP&P (formerly DYFS) shall be notified;
- F. The parent/guardian and student shall be directed to a school authorized medical facility for drug screening;
- G. The student and/or the student's locker and possessions shall be searched for their safety;
- H. Police may contacted;
- I. If a student is suspected to be under the influence of a controlled substance; in possession of a controlled substance; or in possession of drug paraphernalia the following shall be required:
 1. A drug screening test. If the school's authorized medical facility does not complete the drug screen, the physician's evaluation must match Mainland's required standards. Copies of all results must be submitted to the assistant principal;
 - i. The District recognizes that second-hand inhalation of marijuana (THC) can be identified in a chemical screening. To this end the District has established a minimum threshold of 20 nanograms (ng) of marijuana (THC) per chemical screening for suspected use based on observable behaviors, possession, and random testing. Students that test positive, but below the 20 nanogram threshold will not be subject to the disciplinary consequences outlined in policy 5131 Code of Student Conduct. Conversely, students that test positive at 20 nanograms or more for marijuana (THC) per chemical screening will be subject to the disciplinary consequences outlined in policy 5131 Code of Student Conduct.
 2. After being tested, a note from a physician shall be required before the student shall return to school. It shall state that the student is physically, and mentally able to return to school is required for re-admittance;
 3. If the results from the examination and chemical screening are not available within 24 hours, the student may return to school;

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- 4. Students in possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia shall be suspended immediately.
- J. The superintendent shall be notified of all incidents of possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia; and the parents/guardians and the police shall also be notified;
- K. A student who fails to respond, complete or cooperate during the medical examination and/or chemical screening will be deemed to have a positive screening and shall be subject to discipline up to and including suspension.

Smoking

- A. A student who is found in possession of a tobacco product and/or smoking item(s) in the drug free school zone shall receive an administrative detention. Students in possession of lighters or matches or other sources of ignition for lighting or creating a spark will have those item(s) confiscated;
- B. Persons smoking on school grounds which include all parking lots and athletic fields at any time shall be subject to not only penalties outlined in the high school's discipline code, but also the penalties as enumerated in the Linwood Municipal Ordinance.

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