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SUBJECT: ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES (STUDENTS)

The Board of Education recognizes that the misuse of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and/or other substances is a serious problem with legal, physical, emotional and social implications for the entire community. Therefore, the consumption, sharing and/or selling, use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, or any other product containing nicotine, except for current FDA-approved smoking cessation products, illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs, and/or other substances or paraphernalia for the use of such drugs is prohibited at any school-sponsored event or on school property at all times. The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs is prohibited.

Persons shall be banned from entering school grounds or school-sponsored events when exhibiting behavioral, personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol, illegal drugs or other substances. A school-sponsored function shall mean a school-sponsored or school-authorized extracurricular event or activity regardless of where such event or activity takes place, including any event or activity that may take place in another state.

In accordance with Penal Law Section 220.00 for purposes of controlled substances offenses:

a) "School grounds" means (a) in or on or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground or land contained within the real property boundary line of the District's schools, or (b) any area accessible to the public located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the real property boundary line comprising any such school or any parked automobile or other parked vehicle located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the real property boundary line comprising any District school. An "area accessible to the public" shall mean sidewalks, streets, parking lots, parks, playgrounds, stores and restaurants.

b) "School bus" means every motor vehicle owned by the District and operated for the transportation of pupils, teachers and other persons acting in a supervisory capacity, to or from school or school activities or privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of pupils, children of pupils, teachers and other persons acting in a supervisory capacity to or from school or school activities.

Through the collaborative efforts of staff, students, parents/legal guardians and the community as a whole, a comprehensive program shall be developed addressing alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances.

Primary Prevention

Preventing or delaying alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substance use/abuse by students shall

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be the major focus of a comprehensive K through 12 program in which proactive measures of prevention and early intervention are emphasized.

Intervention

School-based intervention services shall be made available to all students, grades K through 12, and provided by prevention professionals who are appropriately trained in this area. The purpose of intervention is to eliminate any existing use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, or any other product containing nicotine, except for current FDA-approved smoking cessation products, drugs, and other substances and to identify students considered to be at risk for use/abuse.

Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures for students consuming, sharing and/or selling, using and/or possessing alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, or any other product containing nicotine, except for current FDA-approved smoking cessation products, illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs or other substances, or paraphernalia for the use of such drugs shall be outlined in the *District's Code of Conduct*.

Implementation and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee to implement the alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances Board policy by collaboration with school personnel, students, parents/guardians and the community at large.

The Superintendent/designee shall periodically review the tobacco, drugs and alcohol abuse prevention program to determine its effectiveness and support appropriate modifications, as needed.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
20 United States Code (USC) Section 7101 et seq.
Education Law Section 2801(1)
Penal Law Sections 70.70(2)(a)(i) and 220.00(17)
Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 142

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #3280 – Use of School Equipment for Private Purposes
#3410 – Maintenance of Public Order on School Property
#5640 – Smoking/Tobacco Use
#8211 – Prevention Instruction

District Code of Conduct on School Property
Adopted 3/6/12
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