

LACKAWANNA TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE

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227. DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	
1. Purpose	The policy and its associated guidelines are an effort by the school district to respond effectively to the potential and current use and abuse of alcohol and drugs by members of its school population.
2. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3	The school district will work through curriculum and classroom activity, administration and faculty effort, and disciplinary procedures to prevent and intervene in the abuse of alcohol and drug substances by members of the school population.
3. Definition	<p><u>TRUST</u> – The Lackawanna Trail Student Assistance Team, known as TRUST, is a way to identify high risk teenagers who are having school-related problems because of alcohol and drug use or who are at risk of suicide and other mental health problems. It is also a method for intervening and referring these students to appropriate and community services. It is an intervention, not a treatment program.</p> <p><u>Police Involvement</u> – The involvement of police authorities does not subject the student to “double jeopardy” as in criminal proceedings. The disciplinary action of the school district is independent of any subsequent legal action the student may encounter.</p>
4. Guidelines	<p>These guidelines have been created as a part of the Drug and Alcohol Policy. They are intended to provide a consistent means for effectively responding to alcohol and drug related situations that may occur at school or at school sponsored events. They have been written with due consideration for the legal rights and responsibilities of administrators, faculty, students and parents who may find themselves involved in such situations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SITUATIONS AND RESPONSES</p> <p><u><i>Situation 1</i></u></p> <p>The student is caught with alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia for the first time.</p> <p>Immediate Action The teacher will summon the principal or escort the student to the principal’s office.</p>

	<p>Investigation The principal will request that the student will empty his/her pockets and volunteer all drug and alcohol substances. The student's locker will be searched according to policy.</p> <p>Notification of Parent The parent will be contacted immediately, the situation described and a conference arranged.</p> <p>Referral to TRUST</p> <p>Confidentiality Information will be limited to the student, teacher, principal, disciplinarian, TRUST, Superintendent, and parent.</p> <p>Discipline Following an informal hearing, the student will be suspended for a period of ten days. The student will be informed of the option of requesting a formal hearing before the Board of Education. Evidence will be submitted concerning past discipline problems, academic record, and attendance record.</p> <p>Comments The use of these procedures depends upon the cooperation of the student. Resistance on the part of the student may indicate the need to notify the police to investigate and initiate legal proceedings. See Situation 2.</p> <p><u>Situation 2</u> The student is caught (a) for the first time with a controlled substance (drugs); (b) with alcohol and is uncooperative; or (c) for the second time with drug paraphernalia.</p> <p>Immediate Action The teacher will summon the principal or escort the student to the principal's office.</p> <p>Investigation The principal will request that the student will empty his/her pockets or purse and volunteer all drug and alcohol substances. The student's locker will be searched according to policy. If the student refuses to cooperate, even after notification of parents, police may be called in to conduct a search.</p> <p>Notification of Parent The parent will be contacted immediately, and the situation described completely. The parent will be informed of the police involvement.</p>
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	<p>Referral to TRUST</p> <p>Confidentiality Information will be limited to the student, teacher, principal, disciplinarian, TRUST, Superintendent, parent, and police.</p> <p>Disposition of Substance Controlled substances (drugs) will be sealed, documented and turned over to the police with request for analysis. The substance and/or alcohol may be used as a basis and evidence for legal proceedings.</p> <p>Discipline Following an informal hearing, the student will be suspended for a period of ten days. A formal Board hearing will be required to consider additional disciplinary measures, including term of possible expulsion, pursuit of legal prosecution and potential conditions of return. Evidence will be submitted concerning student's discipline record, attendance record, and academic record.</p> <p>Notification of Police Police will be notified to carry out a search and/or investigation. See Police Involvement.</p> <p><u>Situation 3</u> Subsequent possession of drug paraphernalia or a small amount of drug substance or alcohol.</p> <p>Immediate Action The teacher will summon the principal or escort the student to the principal's office.</p> <p>Investigation The principal will request that the student will empty his/her pockets/purse and volunteer all drug or alcohol substances. The student's locker will be searched according to policy.</p> <p>Notification of Parent The parent will be contacted immediately, and the situation described.</p> <p>Referral to TRUST</p> <p>Confidentiality Information will be limited to the student, teacher, principal, disciplinarian, TRUST, Superintendent, parent, and police.</p>
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	<p>Disposition of Substance Substances will be sealed, documented and turned over to the police with request for analysis.</p> <p>Discipline Following an informal hearing, the student will be suspended for a period of ten days. A formal Board hearing will be required before the Board of Education to determine terms of possible expulsion, need for legal prosecution and potential conditions of return. Evidence will be submitted concerning student's discipline record, attendance record, and academic record.</p> <p>Notification of Police Police will be notified to carry out a search and/or investigation. See Police Involvement.</p> <p><u>Situation 4</u> The student is caught in possession of a large amount (more than common for personal use) indicating the intention to sell or distribute a controlled substance or alcohol.</p> <p>Immediate Action The teacher will summon the principal or escort the student to the principal's office.</p> <p>Investigation The principal will request that the student will empty his/her pockets or purse and volunteer all drug or alcohol substances. The student's locker will be searched according to policy. Police will be called in to assist in the investigation.</p> <p>Notification of Parent The parents will be contacted immediately, and the situation described. The parent will be informed of the police involvement.</p> <p>Referral to TRUST</p> <p>Confidentiality Information will be limited to the student, teacher, principal, disciplinarian, TRUST, Superintendent, parent, and police.</p> <p>Disposition of Substance Substances will be sealed, documented and turned over to the police as potential evidence.</p>
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Discipline

Following an informal hearing, the student will be suspended for a period of ten days. A formal Board hearing will be required within ten days to determine to the term of expulsion, recommendations for legal proceedings and potential conditions of return. Evidence will be submitted concerning student's discipline record, attendance record, and academic record.

Notification of Police

Police will be notified to carry out a search and/or investigation. See Police Involvement.

Situation 5

In situations where drug or alcohol use by a student is of concern; however, there is no evidence of violation of law or school regulation. Any response should be intended to help that student resolve the difficulty.

- a. A student may contact a teacher regarding the drug or alcohol use of another student.
- b. A student may be suspected of using drugs or alcohol but there is not clear evidence of obvious behavior change.
- c. A student may volunteer information about personal drug or alcohol use that does not occur on school property.

Immediate Action

A referral will be made to TRUST.

Investigation

In most cases, investigation is limited to discussion with the student by a teacher, school nurse, counselor, or TRUST.

Notification of Parent

Parents will be notified at the discretion of TRUST in cases of suspected at risk behavior.

Confidentiality

Information will be limited to staff member involved, student, school nurse, counselor, principal, TRUST, and parent.

	<p>Disposition of Substance Not applicable.</p> <p>Discipline None is mandated, and referral may be attempted.</p> <p>Notification of Police Not applicable.</p>
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