

Substance Abuse Policies by School District

The Brockton Area Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative Policy Matrix; comparing 5 communities' school chemical health policies and the local Recovery High School. The Independence Academy Recovery High School's Policy is our recommended model policy.

School	Policy	Disciplinary Actions	Re-Entry Procedures
<p style="text-align: center;">Town A; Plymouth County</p>	<p>The School's Substance Abuse Policy established for _____ is based upon the concept that the role of the school is basically educational and rehabilitative; consequently, the major concerns of the school with regard to drug and alcohol use and abuse are the welfare of the individual student and the general welfare of the school population.</p> <p>However, in order to safeguard the individual and general welfare and safety, the school must at times initiate medical, psychological, social and legal safeguards in the case of drug and alcohol abuse.</p> <p>The _____ School Committee policy is to uphold and enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to the unlawful possession and/or unlawful distribution of controlled substances and alcoholic beverages.</p>	<p>All students may be assigned a suspension of up to 10 days.</p> <p>All students found to be in violation of the policy may lose privileges of extra-curricular activities, including but not limited to sports team participation, prom attendance, and graduation ceremonies.</p> <p>All students may be subject to expulsion for violating the policy.</p> <p>Athletes must adhere to all MIAA rules.</p>	<p>All students may be required to successfully serve their suspension at the Counseling and Intervention Center at the alternative school before being readmitted to their respective schools; failure to complete the alternative placement intervention at the CIC may result in permanent assignment to that school or expulsion.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Town B; Plymouth County</p>	<p>The Code of Conduct states that the possessing, selling, distributing, or being under the effect of an alcoholic beverage or controlled substance will not be tolerated.</p> <p>The Alcohol Policy is based upon the concept that the role of the school is educational and rehabilitative.</p> <p>However, it should be clearly understood by the students, parents, and citizens _____ that the use, possession, distribution or being under the influence of alcohol will not be tolerated in the _____ High School or on its property.</p>	<p>Any student who is found to be under the influence, in possession of, or to have distributed alcohol on school property or at school-sponsored events will be suspended from school, after an appropriate informal hearing, for a minimum of eight (8) days (for the first offense).</p> <p>For a second offense, the student will be suspended for a minimum of ten (10) days and his/her record may be placed before the School Committee with a recommendation for expulsion.</p>	<p>At the conclusion of the minimum eight-day suspension, the student will be permitted to return to school following a satisfactory conference held with the student, the parents/guardians, the administration, guidance personnel and compensatory services. At this conference a specific plan will be developed to monitor and assist the student.</p>

		<p>Students may be precluded from attending future school sponsored events even after they return from a suspension, whether it is their first or second offense.</p> <p>Students in possession or under the influence of a controlled substance (including prescription drugs) as defined in Chapter 94C of The General Laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, and heroin, in school or at a school sponsored event, will also be subject to a minimum eight (8) day suspension and possible expulsion from the school.</p> <p>Athletes must adhere to all MIAA rules.</p>	
<p>Town C; Plymouth County</p>	<p>_____ High School, working cooperatively with the _____ Police Department, will use any lawful and reasonable measures to prevent the possession and/or use of illegal substances on school grounds.</p> <p>The purpose of the drug abuse policy is to offer to the student body, the professional staff, the community, and all parties related to a drug incident a consistent set of regulations regarding the various types of drug abuse infractions.</p> <p>The consistency in the policy is that all students involved in the various offenses will be treated basically in the same manner. The school system is dedicated to helping the individual student, but such help must be consistent with existing laws.</p>	<p>Any student in possession, use, distribution or substantiated involvement (knowingly being in the presence or possession, use, or distribution of drugs/ alcohol) on school grounds, or at school events will be subject to immediate suspension from school for a period of 10 school days.</p> <p>A second violation will carry a ten school day suspension and a recommendation for exclusion for the remainder of the school year to the superintendent of schools and the East Bridgewater School Committee.</p> <p>A report will be made to the _____ Police Department in the case of any drug/alcohol suspension.</p> <p>Athletes must adhere to all MIAA rules.</p>	<p>He/she will be readmitted only after a parental conference resolving the problem.</p>

<p>*****Independence Academy (Our Recommended Model Policy)*****</p>	<p>A student shall not possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind on school grounds, at any time, or off the school grounds during any school activity, function or event.</p> <p>Use of a drug authorized by a medical prescription from a registered physician for the student shall not be considered a violation of this regulation. The Nurse's Office and/or Program Director's office will be used to hold a student's prescribed drugs for the school day.</p> <p>The policies proposed here are designed to ensure assistance for users and protection of the school population from sellers. We feel that no single answer fits all cases and that each must be judged individually. However, as much as we are concerned with the individual and his/her welfare, our responsibility also includes the welfare of the entire student body. This must be a basic consideration in deciding each case.</p>	<p>USER IN SCHOOL When the school reasonably believes that a student has used or is using alcohol or controlled substances (when not prescribed for the student by a physician and/or not administered in compliance with the Medication Policy) on school grounds, at school-sponsored functions or on transportation provided by the school system, the parent/legal guardian of the student and the sending school will be informed and a conference must be held immediately. A suspension of up to ten (10) school days may be imposed, subject to a possible termination or longer suspension pursuant to M.G.L.c.71 sect. 37H.</p> <p>POSSESSION The parent/guardian of any student who has controlled substances or alcohol in his/her possession on school grounds or at a school-sponsored function will be called to the school immediately for a conference. The school will also notify the proper contact person at the police department. A suspension of up to ten (10) school days will be imposed, subject to a possible termination or longer suspension pursuant to M.G.L.c.71 sect. 37H.</p> <p>DISTRIBUTION OR SALE IN SCHOOL The parent/guardian of any student selling or distributing alcohol or controlled substance on school grounds, at school-sponsored functions or on transportation provided by the school system, shall be called to school immediately; the parent/guardian will be informed that the police will be present when the parent/guardian is also present. The police will be asked to report to the school</p>	<p>In the event that the parent/guardian decides that the student needs assistance from a physician, clinic, counselor, drug rehabilitation program, or any other professional or professional agency which can help the student address his/her use or possession of alcohol or controlled substance, the school will forego application of the policy so as to assist the parent/guardian and the student, rather than penalize the student.</p>
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<p>Town D; Plymouth County</p>	<p>A student is prohibited:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From being in possession of, from using, from being under the influence of, and from selling, distributing, or intending to sell or distribute a controlled substance as defined in Chapter 94C of the General Laws (commonly known as the Controlled Substances Act), alcohol or steroids at any time in school, on school premises or property and during any school activity or event whether or not during school hours and 2. From misusing, selling, distributing, or intending to sell or distribute prescription or over-the-counter medicines, drugs or medications at any time in school, on school premises or property, and during any school activity or event whether or not during school hours and 3. From being in the possession of any drug paraphernalia such as a marijuana pipe, a roach clip or tobacco rolling papers. The _____ School Committee may require a student to take a Breathalyzer test under any relevant circumstances. The school committee shall deliver to the police any and all controlled substances, steroids, drugs, or drug paraphernalia, etc. which the committee obtains 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First Offense, the student will be taken to the Nurse and remain there until the parent/guardian consult with the Assistant Principal. Additionally, the Assistant Principal will suspend student from school for a length of time of ten (10) school days and also from any and all extracurricular activities and programs for thirty (30) calendar days (which may have to be fulfilled in the following school year if not satisfied during the current school year). If the student chooses to attend an approved drug or alcohol cessation program, administration may reduce the suspension from extracurricular activities from thirty (30) to fifteen (15) calendar days. 2. Second Offense, the student will be taken to the Nurse and remain there until the parent/guardians consult with the Assistant Principal. Additionally, the Assistant Principal will suspend the student from school for a length of time of ten (10) school days and also from any and all extracurricular activities and programs for sixty (60) calendar days (which 83 - RHS may have to be fulfilled in the following school year if not satisfied during the current school year). If the student 	<p>Any student returning to school following an extended absence (5 or more days) due to hospitalization, attendance of a day treatment program, or a mental health crisis evaluation, is required to attend a confidential re-entry meeting with members of the _____ Student Support Team.</p> <p>The Student Support Team is comprised of the vice principal, a guidance counselor, the school nurse and the school social worker. A parent or guardian must accompany the student to the meeting. The goal of the meeting is to educate school personnel as to current medical/emotional needs of the student and to create a comprehensive support plan to assist the student in their return to school.</p>

	<p>from any students under such circumstances. Refusal to take a Breathalyzer is a violation of the _____ Public Schools controlled substance/alcohol policy and will result in the disciplinary actions listed below.</p> <p>Medicines must be delivered to the Nurse in a current pharmacy or manufacturer labeled container by the parent/guardian.</p>	<p>chooses to attend an approved drug or alcohol cessation program, administration may reduce the suspension from extracurricular activities from sixty (60) to thirty (30) calendar days.</p> <p>3. Third Offense, the student will be taken to the Nurse and remain there until the student's parent/guardian consult with the Assistant Principal. Additionally, the Assistant Principal will suspend the student from school for ten (10) school days and also from any and all extracurricular activities and programs for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days (which may have to be fulfilled in the following school year if not satisfied during the current school year). If the student chooses to attend an approved drug or alcohol cessation program, administration may reduce the suspension from extracurricular activities from one hundred twenty (12) to to sixty (60) calendar days.</p> <p>Athletes must adhere to all MIAA rules.</p>	
<p>Town E; Plymouth County</p>	<p>In view of the fact that the use of drugs and alcohol can endanger the health and safety of the user, and recognizing the deleterious effect the use of alcoholic beverages or drugs can have on the maintenance of general order and discipline, the School Committee prohibits the use or consumption of any drug or alcoholic beverage on school property or at any school function.</p> <p>Additionally, any student, regardless of age, who is under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages prior to attendance at, or participation in, a school-</p>	<p>If a student is in possession of an illegal substance (drugs or alcohol), particularly in the instance where there is reason to believe that there is intent to sell or distribute, s/he shall be brought before the principal for a hearing that could result in expulsion.</p> <p>Action should include suggestions for enrollment in a rehabilitation program. The principal's action is not dependent on the actions taken by the police.</p>	<p>Upon returning to school after suspension for Drugs/Alcohol, regardless of the amount, a student, his/her parent, preferably both parents, shall meet with the administration and counselor.</p> <p>The adjustment counselor or psychologist may be involved to determine a plan to bring about improved behavior (which may include entry into a drug/alcohol rehabilitation program.) The student shall be required to</p>

	<p>sponsored activity, will be barred from that activity and subject to disciplinary action.</p> <p>The school district is committed to having safe and drug free schools. Recognizing that this goal can only be achieved if the administration has the authority it needs to carry out the Drug/Alcohol guidelines, the administration follows the principle of "reasonable suspicion" not "probable cause."</p> <p>Therefore, students smelling of alcohol or marijuana, or behaving in a manner that would indicate ingestion of drugs or alcohol, are subject to this policy, and could be asked to submit to a breathalyzer test. Refusal to do so will necessitate the student's parents being called, and disciplinary action could follow.</p>	<p>The consequences for a first offense of either</p> <p>a) Possession of drugs with intent to sell or distribute. b) Possession of drugs, drug-related equipment or alcohol. c) Ingestion of drugs or alcohol, shall be 5 days out of school suspension and probation for 60 school days.</p> <p>School probation may be waived if the student, parent/guardian, and administration agree on drug/alcohol contract that would require random drug testing during the time of the probationary period.</p> <p>A second drug/alcohol violation shall be 7 days out of school suspension, probation for 60 school days, and enrollment in a rehabilitation program and counseling.</p> <p>A third drug/alcohol violation shall result in immediate referral to the superintendent. After a thorough review of the student's record and the facts regarding the third offense, the superintendent may take any or some of the following actions: a. recommend an expulsion hearing to the school committee. b. suspends the student for 10 days; place the student on probation for one year. c. requires the student to attend a rehabilitation program approved by the superintendent, and require the student to meet with his/her counselor twice monthly during the probation period. d. a third time offender will be subject to random drug/alcohol testing as directed by the superintendent.</p> <p>Athletes must adhere to all MIAA rules.</p>	<p>meet with his/her counselor twice monthly during the period of probation.</p>
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