

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
STUDENT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**

The Millinocket School Department recognizes that alcoholism and drug dependency are treatable diseases. Left untreated, they may result in serious personal and family problems. At the same time, the board also recognizes the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse in school and is seriously concerned about the effects of alcohol and drug dependency upon students. It is the board's belief that the unlawful possession and use of illicit drugs and alcohol is wrong and harmful.

In order to promote the highest possible standards of learning, as well as the safety, health and well-being of students, the School Board has adopted a Student Substance Abuse Policy which is designed to aid students to abstain from the use of alcohol and drugs, provide for early intervention when use is detected, and provide corrective disciplinary action when necessary and aftercare support as appropriate. Compliance with the District's standards of conduct related to substance abuse is mandatory.

Prevention

The District will provide students with information and activities focused on prevention of the use of alcohol and drugs. Such information and activities will address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use and will provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol.

Intervention

The District will establish and provide assistance, through a team approach, to intervene with students who are chemically involved. Students will be assisted in addressing their harmful involvement with chemicals and in continuing in their educational programs. Moreover, information will be provided, as appropriate, about any drug or alcohol counseling and rehabilitation and re-entry programs that are available to students.

Rules and Sanctions

I. Students are prohibited from consuming, possessing, furnishing, selling, receiving, buying or being under the influence of prohibited substances before, during and after school hours, at school, in any school building, on any school premises, in any school-owned vehicle or in any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities, off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function (such as a field trip or athletic event) where students are under the jurisdiction of the District, or at any time or place if the conduct has an adverse effect on the discipline or welfare of the schools.

II. Additionally, students are prohibited from knowingly being in the presence of the illegal use or possession of prohibited substances.

The term "prohibited substance" shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Alcohol;
2. Scheduled drugs (as defined in 17-A M.R.S.A. ^{ss} 1101);
3. Controlled substances (as defined in the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. ^{ss} 812)
4. Any substance which can affect or change a student's mental, physical or behavior pattern, including but not limited to, volatile materials such as glue, paint or aerosols, when possessed for the purpose of inhalation, or steroids;
5. Paraphernalia - implements used for distribution or consumption of a prohibited substance; or
6. Any look-alike drug or substance that is described as or is purported to be a prohibited substance defined in this section.

Any violation of the terms of this policy shall constitute sufficient grounds for student discipline, including suspension or expulsion from school, at the appropriate discretion of the administration and the School Board. A student may also be referred to law enforcement authorities for investigation and/or prosecution.

Any incidents involving student possession, furnishing or trafficking of scheduled drugs where expulsion is not recommended shall be reported to the School Board for informational purposes.

It is not a violation for a student to use in school a prescription drug, including a legally defined drug or controlled substance if it is specifically prescribed for the student's own therapeutic use by his/her doctor.

I. See Student and Staff Alcohol and Chemical Abuse Policy and Procedure Code JICHA for general disciplinary procedures.

II. In the case of a medical emergency, the student will be referred to the school nurse or other appropriate medical personnel who will refer to the appropriate community resource. The school officials will follow the procedures outlined in (A) upon the students return to school.

III. The following procedures will be utilized with any student extracurricular activity member who violates the Rules and Sanctions Section I of the policy. (These include, but are not limited to, all interscholastic/athletics, performing arts, music, club, school-sponsored or school-approved activities):

A. First offense

- (1) verification
- (2) administrator meets with student
- (3) notification of superintendent and parent/guardian
- (4) notification of police
- (5) restricted school day and/or suspension (0-10 days)
- (6) CHT meets
- (7) students and parents meet with CHT
- (8) results of informal assessment will be shared with the Chemical Health Team who will assess the student's situation and determine an appropriate education/awareness program and/or other services for him/her. Failure to comply with this program may result in the maximum suspension.
- (9) follow recommendation of CHT, refer to educational or other appropriate services
- (10) refer parents to appropriate services
- (11) the students privilege to **fully** participate in all extracurricular activities will be suspended for a period of four (4) weeks. Students in violation of the policy **must attend** all practices, meetings or rehearsals but may **not participate** in any way for a period of two (2) weeks. During the second two (2) weeks of the suspension period, the student may participate in practices, meetings, and rehearsals but are not allowed to participate in any interscholastic competitive events, shows, performances or meets. Club or activity members may attend but not vote or hold elected office during the suspension period.
- (12) coaches/advisors may impose additional training and/or conditioning requirements upon students returning to extracurricular activities after the suspension and prior to being eligible to resume full participation in extracurricular activities.

B. Second offense

- (1) verification
- (2) meet with student
- (3) notify superintendent and parent/guardian
- (4) notify police
- (5) suspend student for 5-10 days (with possible recommendations for expulsion)
- (6) CHT meets
- (7) students and parents meet with CHT
- (8) follow recommendation of CHT
- (9) refer parents to appropriate services

Note: If parents do not seek assistance for the student, notify Department of Human Services.

- (10) the student' privilege to participate in all extracurricular activities will be suspended for the remainder of that school year.

C. Third and subsequent offenses

- (1) same as above (9 steps)
- (2) recommend formal evaluation for treatment
- (3) the student's privilege to participate in all extracurricular activities will be suspended for the remainder of that school year.

IV. The following procedure will be utilized with any student extracurricular activity member who violates the Rules and Sanctions Section II of this policy. (These include, but are not limited to all interscholastic/athletics, performing arts, music, club school-sponsored or school-approved activities):

A. First offense

- (1) verification
- (2) administrator meets with students
- (3) notification of superintendent and parent/guardian
- (4) notification of police
- (5) restricted school day and/or suspension (0-10 days)
- (6) CHT meets
- (7) students and parents meet with CHT
- (8) results of informal assessment will be shared with the Chemical Health Team who will assess the student's situation and determine an appropriate education/awareness program and/or other services for him/her. Failure to comply with this program may result in the maximum suspension.
- (9) follow recommendation of CHT, refer to educational or other appropriate services
- (10) refer parents to appropriate services
- (11) The student's privilege to **fully** participate in all extracurricular activities will be suspended for a period of two (2) weeks. Students in violation of the policy **must attend** all practices, meetings or rehearsals, but may **not participate** in any way for a period of one (1) week. During the second week of the suspension period, the student may participate in practices, meetings or rehearsals, but are not allowed to participate in any interscholastic/competitive events, shows, performances or meets. Club or activity members may attend but not vote or hold elected office during the suspension period.
- (12) coaches/advisors may impose additional training and/or practice requirements upon students returning to extracurricular activities after the suspension and prior to being eligible to resume full participation in extracurricular activities.

B. Second offense

- (1) verification
- (2) meet with student
- (3) notify superintendent and parent/guardian
- (4) notify police
- (5) suspend student for 5-10 days (with possible recommendations for expulsion)
- (6) CHT meets
- (7) students and parents meet with CHT
- (8) follow recommendation of CHT
- (9) refer parents to appropriate services

Note: If parents do not seek assistance for the student, notify Department of Human Services.
(10) the student's privilege to participate in all extracurricular activities will be suspended for the remainder of that school year.

C. Third and subsequent offenses

- (1) same as above (9 steps)
- (2) recommend formal evaluation for treatment
- (3) the student's privilege to participate in all extracurricular activities will be suspended for the remainder of that school year.

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