

**DRUG POLICY FOR STUDENTS****File: JICH-R**

Any student who is found on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, in possession of a controlled substance as defined in Chapter 94C of “An Act Establishing the Education Reform Act of 1993” including but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, LSD and heroin, will be subject to expulsion from the school or the school district by the Principal.

The Drug Free School Zone Law: Anyone convicted of selling drugs within 1,000 feet of school property will be subject to a minimum mandatory two-year jail sentence. In addition to the jail sentence, individuals convicted of dealing drugs near schools could face fines up to \$10,000. Any student who is charged with a violation of this regulation shall be notified in writing of an opportunity for a hearing provided, however, that the student may have representation, along with the opportunity to present evidence and witnesses at said hearing before the principal. The student will be subject to a suspension of up to 10 days prior to the expulsion hearing.

*Add: This policy shall be posted on the district website and filed with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in a manner and form prescribed by the Department*

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**TEACHING ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO****File: IHAMA**

In accordance with state and federal law, the District shall provide age-appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention programs in grades K-12.

The drug and alcohol education program shall address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use. It shall include special instruction as to the effects upon the human system; the emotional, psychological and social dangers of such use with emphasis on nonuse by school age children and the illegal aspects of such use. The program also shall include information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol.

The objectives of this program, as stated below, are rooted in the Committee’s belief that prevention requires education, and that the most important aspect of the policies and guidelines of the District should be the education of each individual to the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

To create an awareness of the total drug problem--prevention, education, treatment, rehabilitation, and law enforcement on the local, state, national and international levels.

To relate the use of drugs and alcohol to physical, mental, social and emotional practices.

To develop the student's ability to make intelligent choices based on facts and to develop the courage to stand by one's own convictions.

To understand the personal, social and economic problems causing the misuse of drugs and alcohol.

To develop an interest in preventing illegal use of drugs in the community.

The curriculum, instructional materials and outcomes used in this program shall be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the School Committee.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:1

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*Add to IHAMA*

*Opiate misuse among student athletes is of particular concern because of the incidence of physical injury and access to prescription pain medication. Therefore, in addition to providing drug prevention education to all students, the district shall provide additional educational materials to students participating in an extracurricular athletic activity in accordance with Massachusetts General Law. Information on the dangers of opiate use and misuse shall be distributed in written form prior to the commencement of their athletic seasons.*

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Legal References: MGL Title XII, Ch. 71 Sect. 96  
MGL Title XVI, Ch. 111, Sect. 222(a)