

Students

SUBJECT: ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

The Board recognizes that the misuse of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), and other illegal substances is a serious problem with legal, physical, emotional, and social implications for our students, as well as the entire community. Therefore, the consumption, sharing, selling, use, or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, [vape pens](#), illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs, or paraphernalia for the use of these drugs is prohibited at any school-sponsored function, on school grounds, and on school buses at all times. The unauthorized use or misuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, [vitamins, supplements, herbs, or other similar substances](#) is also prohibited.

Students are not permitted to be under the influence of alcohol or other prohibited substances on school grounds or at school-sponsored events. A school-sponsored function includes a school sponsored or school-authorized extracurricular event or activity regardless of where the event or activity takes place.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted and no person is permitted to smoke within 100 feet of the entrance, exits, or outdoor areas of any public or private elementary or secondary schools. However, this prohibition does not apply to smoking in a residence or within the real property boundary lines of residential real property. Similarly, the use of e-cigarettes is prohibited on school grounds, as defined in Public Health Law.

Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs

Non-medical use of prescription drugs is prohibited. If a student is found to be in possession of these substances, he or she will be disciplined in accordance with the District *Code of Conduct*.

Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures for students consuming, sharing, selling, using, or possessing alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, [vape pens](#), illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs, or paraphernalia for the use of these drugs are outlined in the District *Code of Conduct*.

Education Law §§ 409 and 2801(1)
Public Health Law § 1399-o

NOTE: Refer also to Policies [#3280 -- Use of School Facilities, Materials, and Equipment](#)
[#3410 -- Code of Conduct](#)
[#5640 -- Smoking/Tobacco Use](#)
[#8210 -- Safety Conditions and Prevention Instruction](#)
District *Code of Conduct*

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