

Students

Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

Student Alcohol Use/Drug Abuse

Procedures for dealing with specific instances of student drug and alcohol possession and use consistent with the provisions of this policy will be set forth in an administrative regulation developed at the direction of the Superintendent of Schools.

If an employee suspects a student of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or that the student has a problem involving drug or alcohol use, the employee shall refer the matter to the school administration for evaluation. If it is determined that the student has a drug and/or alcohol problem a program of treatment and/or counseling will be recommended.

Under state statutes a certified employee or a registered nurse assigned to a school may not be required to disclose information received in a communication by a student that is made privately and in confidence and that is received by the certified employee or registered nurse in the performance of the employee's or nurse's job duties when the information concerns alcohol or drug abuse or any alcohol or drug problem of such a student. However, if the employee or nurse receives physical evidence indicating that a crime is being committed by such student, the employee or nurse shall turn over the evidence to the school administration or to law enforcement officials within two days of the receipt of such evidence. If the evidence is received from such a student less than two days before a school vacation or the end of the school year it shall be turned over within two calendar days of receipt thereof excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The employee or nurse may not be required to disclose the name of the student from whom the evidence was received when the student is also the person who made the confidential communication described above. If the employee or registered nurse decides, in good faith, to disclose the name of the student and/or the information contained in the communication received from the student the law provides that the employee or nurse, as the case may be, will be immune from any legal liability.

Nothing in this policy shall preclude the administration from suspending or the Superintendent from initiating expulsion proceedings against a student found to have been in possession of or under the influence of drugs or alcohol on school property or at a school sponsored activity.

(cf. 5114 – Suspension/Expulsion; Student Due Process)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student. Surrender or physical evidence obtained from students.
 10a-18 Programs to be offered on effects of drugs and alcohol.
 10-221(d) boards of education to prescribe rules re use, sale of possession.
 21a-240 Definitions, dependency producing drugs.
 21a-243 Regulation re schedules of controlled substances.

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