

# ALIQUIPPA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

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## 227. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

### 1. Purpose

The Board recognizes that the abuse of controlled substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community. In order for the district to promote its educational goals and maintain an academic environment conducive to learning, the students must be free of controlled substance abuse.

This policy shall represent one component in a district-wide effort to respond effectively to drug, mood-altering substance and alcohol-related situations that may occur at school and at school-sponsored activities. The guidelines established by the district are intended to provide disciplinary means to respond to drug, mood-altering substance and alcohol-related incidents. The district will provide a safe and healthy environment for students, with due consideration for their legal rights and responsibilities. The Board reserves the right to use any measures deemed necessary to control substance abuse, even if the same is not provided for specifically in any district rule or regulation.

**Alcohol and Mood-Altering Chemicals** - shall include alcohol and malt beverages, controlled substances prohibited by law, chemical or illegal abused substances, and prescription medication not registered in accordance with Board policy on the administration of medication to students in school. Examples of the above include beer, liquor, marijuana, chemical solvents, glue, look-alike chemicals, capsules and pills not registered by the district, and anabolic steroids.

### 2. Definitions

35 P.S. 780-101  
et seq 42 P.S.  
8337 Pol. 210

**SAP Team** - a core group of school personnel who are specially trained to work with students. This multidisciplinary team is composed of teachers, staff, administrators, nurse, counselor, and school psychologist. SAP Team members receive referrals from administrators, faculty and staff, parents/guardians and students. Referrals can be initiated by drug and alcohol policy violations; but more commonly, they happen because of observed changes in behavior or performance which may or may not be drug related. With parental involvement, the Teams shall conduct a preassessment to determine if the student can be helped within the school or if the student needs to be referred to an outside agency.

Pol. 236

**Cooperative Behavior** - shall be defined as the willingness of a student to work with staff and school personnel in a reasonable and helpful manner, complying with the requests and recommendations of members of the SAP Team.

**Uncooperative Behavior** - is resistance or refusal, either verbally, physically or passively, on the part of the student to comply with the reasonable requests or recommendations of school personnel. Defiance, assault, and deceit shall constitute examples of uncooperative behavior.

**Possession** - is the knowledge of or intentional possession of a controlled substance.

**Paraphernalia** - any and all equipment, products, or materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, packaging, sharing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance. Examples include alligator clips, chamber pipes, scales, etc ..

**Treatment** - is regular visitations for therapy administered by a licensed drug and alcohol facility or therapist who is a Certified Addiction Counselor.

**Rapid Eye Test** - that which the nurse will utilize when summoned to a medical emergency in which papillary reaction to light is evaluated, as well as the general appearance of the eyes such as tearing, color of the sclera, presence of eyelid puffiness, and the ability of the eye to follow a light without wavering.

**Prevention/Intervention Specialist** - a program specialist with expertise in the area of chemical dependence and other student high-risk behaviors ..

**Assessment** - includes psychological examinations. Any costs involved are the responsibility of the student's parent(s )/guardian(s).

The Board prohibits students from using, possessing, distributing, and being under the influence of any controlled substances during school hours, on school property, at any school-sponsored event, including on or off school grounds, and on school vehicles enroute to and from school.

The Board may require participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into the school's educational, extracurricular or athletic programs.

3. Authority  
SC 510  
Title 22  
Sec. 12.3

Title 22  
Sec. 12.12 42  
P.S. 8337  
Pol. 207

The privileged confidentiality between students and guidance counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, home and school visitors, members of the SAP Team, and other school employees shall be respected; and no confidential communication made to such employee shall be required to be revealed without the consent of the student or parent/guardian, unless the best interests of the student can be served only by such release.

4. Delegation of Responsibility

42 P.S. 8337

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare rules for the identification, amelioration and control of substance abuse in the schools which:

1. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of using, possessing, being under the influence, or distributing controlled substances in school, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution.
2. Provide education concerning the dangers of abusing controlled substances.
3. Disseminate to students, parents/guardians and staff Board policy and district procedures governing student abuse of controlled substances. Guidelines for violations of this policy shall be disseminated in student/parent handbooks.
4. Establish procedures for education and readmission to school of students convicted of offenses involving controlled substances.

SC 1303-A

Incidents of possession, use and sale of controlled substances, including alcohol, by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.

5. Guidelines

In all cases involving students and controlled substances, the need to protect the school community from undue harm and exposure to drugs shall be recognized.

No student may be admitted to a program that seeks to identify and rehabilitate the potential abuser without the intelligent, voluntary and aware consent of the student and parent/guardian.

Breathalyzers

Students reasonably suspected of consuming or having consumed alcohol may be required to take a test which determines blood alcohol concentration. The test will be conducted by specially trained personnel. Refusal to take the test may result in the student being suspended from school. If the results are negative and the student still exhibits abnormal behavior, further assessments will be required.

Drug Urinalysis

Students reasonably suspected of being under the influence of a controlled substance may be requested to have their urine tested for marijuana. Written parental consent will be required before this test is done by the school-based probation officer.

Anabolic Steroids

35 P.S.  
Sec. 807.1

The Board prohibits the use of anabolic steroids by students involved in school related athletics, except for a valid medical purpose. Body building and muscle enhancement of athletic ability are not valid medical purposes. Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid.

35 P.S.  
Sec. 807.2 42  
P.S. 8337 Pol.  
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Students shall be made aware of the dangers of steroid use; that anabolic steroids are classified as controlled substances; and that their use, unauthorized possession, purchase, or sale could subject students to suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.

The following minimum penalties are prescribed for any student athlete found in violation of the prohibited use of anabolic steroids:

35 P.S.  
Sec. 807.3

1. For a **first** violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season.
2. For a **second** violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season and for the following season.
3. For a **third** violation, permanent suspension from school athletics.

No student shall be eligible to resume participation in school athletics unless a medical determination has been submitted, verifying that no residual evidence of steroids exists.

20 U.S.C.  
Sec. 7161

20 U.S.C.  
Sec. 7114