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ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND DRUG USE BY STUDENTS PROHIBITED

A student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use or consume, possess, buy or sell, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product, including vapor/E-cigarettes; marijuana; steroids; inhalants; or any controlled substance. The School Committee prohibits the use or consumption by students of alcohol, tobacco products, or drugs on school property, on school-provided transportation, while walking to or from school, waiting for school-provided transportation, or at any school-sponsored activities, even though the activity may be conducted outside of school hours and away from school premises.

Admissions to Secondary School Sponsored/Supervised Events

All students and their guests wishing to attend selected school events may be required to participate in an alcohol screening test prior to their entry into the event. This is a passive, non-invasive test where no mouthpiece is needed. Students may be asked to blow into the cone of the instrument where a sample of breath is collected for analysis. If alcohol is detected, the student will not be permitted to attend the event, and will be detained by an onsite administrator or police officer until a parent/guardian comes for him/her and he/she will be subject to disciplinary consequences. In the event that a student and his/her guest refuses to participate in the test and leaves the premises, a parent/guardian will be called immediately and the student may be subject to disciplinary consequences.

This policy shall be posted on the district's website and notice shall be provided to all students and parents of this policy in accordance with state law. Additionally, the district shall file a copy of this policy with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in accordance with law in a manner requested by DESE.

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