

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719
PRIOR LAKE - SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS**417 CHEMICAL USE AND ABUSE****I. PURPOSE**

The school board recognizes that chemical use and abuse constitutes a grave threat to the physical and mental well-being of employees and significantly impedes the work in schools. Chemical use and abuse also creates significant problems for society in general. The school board believes that the public school has a role in education, intervention, and prevention of chemical use and abuse. The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in its goal to prevent chemical use and abuse by providing procedures for education and intervention.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Chemical abuse", as applied to students means use of any psychoactive or mood-altering chemical substance, without compelling medical reason, in a manner that induces mental, emotional, or physical impairment and causes socially dysfunctional or socially disordering behavior, to the extent that the minor's normal function in academic, school, or social activities is chronically impaired.
- B. "Controlled substances," as applied to the chemical abuse assessment of students, means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedules I through V of Minnesota Statutes section 152.02 and "marijuana" as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 152.01, subdivision 9. but not distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages, intoxicating liquors or tobacco. As otherwise defined in this policy, "controlled substances" include narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, anabolic steroids, or any other controlled substance as defined in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 United States Code section 812, including analogues and look-alike drugs.
- C. "Drug prevention" means prevention, early intervention, rehabilitation referral, recovery support services, or education related to the illegal use of drugs, such as raising awareness about the consequences of drug use that are evidence based.
- D. "Teacher" means all persons employed in a public school or education district or by a service cooperative as members of the instructional, supervisory, and support staff including superintendents, principals, supervisors, secondary vocational and other classroom teachers, librarians, counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, school social workers, audio-visual directors and coordinators, recreation personnel, media specialist, media supervisors, and speech language pathologists.

III. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Use or possession of controlled substances, medical cannabis, toxic substances, and alcohol before, during, or after school hours, at school or in any other school location, is prohibited in accordance with school district policies with respect to a Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School.
- B. The school district shall develop, implement, and evaluate comprehensive programs and

activities that foster safe, healthy, supportive, and drug-free environments that support student academic achievement.

- C. Every school that participates in a school district chemical abuse program shall establish a chemical abuse preassessment team. The team is responsible for addressing reports of chemical abuse problems and making recommendations for appropriate responses to the individual reported cases.
- D. The school district shall establish a drug-free awareness program for its employees.

Employees

- A. The school district shall establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
 - 2. The school district's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
 - 3. Available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs.
 - 4. The penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug abuse violations.
- B. The Executive Director of Administrative Services or designee shall notify a federal granting agency required to be notified under the Drug-Free Workplace Act within ten (10) days after receiving notice from the employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of any criminal drug statute conviction occurring in the workplace.

Legal References: MN Stat. § 121A.25-121A.29 (Chemical Abuse)
MN Stat. §124D.695 (Approved Recovery Program Funding)
MN Stat. § 126C.44 (Safe Schools Levy)
MN Stat. § 144.343 (Pregnancy, Venereal Disease, Alcohol or Drug Abuse, Abortion)
MN Stat. § 152.01 (Definitions)
MN Stat. § 152.02 (Schedules of Controlled Substances; Administration of Chapter)
MN Stat. § 152.22 (Definitions; Medical Cannabis)
MN Stat. § 152.23 (Limitations; Medical Cannabis)Minn. Stat. § 299A.33 (DARE Program)
MN Stat. § 466.07, subd. 1 (Indemnification Required)
MN Stat. § 609.101, subd. 3(e) (Controlled Substance Offenses; Minimum Fines)
41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106 (Drug-Free Workplace Act)
34 C.F.R. Part 84 (Government-Wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace)

Cross References: Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees)
Policy 416 (Drug and Alcohol Testing)
418 (Drug-Free Workplace/Drug Free School)
Policy 419 (Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices)

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