

Infinity Charter School

SECTION: STUDENT POLICIES

**TITLE: CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES &
ALCOHOL**

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313. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES & ALCOHOL

PURPOSE:

The Board recognizes that the misuse of controlled substances and/or alcohol is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community. As the educational institution, Infinity Charter School shall strive to prevent abuse of controlled substances.

Possessing, using, distributing, delivering, selling, manufacturing, being involved in any aspect of a related transaction, and/or being under the influence of any drug or mood altering substance and/or alcoholic beverage, or substance paraphernalia on school property, in one's book bag, on one's person or personal property, or at any school-sponsored activity, or conspiring to do any of the above acts is a code of conduct violation. Included in the classification of "drugs" are all controlled substances; any synthetic chemical, which has the same effect as a controlled substance; and any item, which is represented as, or believed to be a controlled substance.

Possessing, using, distributing, delivering, or being involved in any aspect of a transaction of any steroid or other substance intended to enhance physical performance is also a code of conduct violation. The Pennsylvania Crimes Code and the school's smoking policy prohibit the possession or use of tobacco by students in the school building and on school grounds.

A pupil who possesses or uses tobacco in a school building, a school bus, or on school property commits a summary offense. Following the implementation of school disciplinary and/or legal action, the student will be referred to the school's guidance counselor. Tobacco is defined as a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other lighted smoking product and smokeless tobacco in any form. Nicotine delivery systems are also prohibited.

DEFINITIONS:

This policy covers the following:

1. All dangerous controlled substances prohibited by law, including illegal drugs of any kind.
2. All look-alike drugs.
3. Anabolic steroids.
4. Any drug paraphernalia.
5. Any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission for use in school has been

granted pursuant to Board policy.

6. All alcoholic beverages, which includes any beverage that contains any concentration of alcohol and/or is sold as an “alcoholic” product.
7. All tobacco products and nicotine delivery systems.

Drugs shall mean any substance defined as a drug or controlled substance in the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. Controlled substances, including drug residue found in drug paraphernalia, shall be deemed drugs for the purposes of this policy. Additionally, any substance that once inhaled, ingested by mouth, or consumed in any other method, causes a diminished ability in a student to function in a school setting.

Examples of the above include, but are not limited to, anabolic steroids, marijuana (including marijuana seeds), hashish, cocaine, chemical solvents, glue, spray paints, loco weed seeds, look-alike substances, and any medicine (prescription or non-prescription), capsules or pills not registered with the nurse, annotated within the student’s health record, and/or taken in accordance with Board policy for the administration of medication to students in school.

1. Clarification includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Any controlled substances prohibited by law
 - b. Any alcoholic beverage
 - c. Any legal prescription or patent drug, unless administrative permission for use in school has been granted, and such use is under the supervision of the school nurse.
 - d. Using substances personally dangerous to one’s health (Example: sniffing glue, etc.)
 - e. Use of anabolic steroids
 - f. “Look Alike Drugs” as defined by “The Controlled Substance Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act” of 1972.
2. Use shall mean:
 - a. Possession
 - b. Consumption (Consumption would also mean that in the administrator’s opinion, a student is under the influence of any substance.)
 - c. Transportation
 - d. Selling
 - e. Trafficking
 - f. Distribution
3. At School shall mean any time the student is involved in school activities such as:
 - a. During school hours
 - b. On school property
 - c. On school buses
 - d. At any school sponsored event/contest
 - e. To or from school in such cases where the school is responsible for the student as defined by the School Code.
 - f. On school sponsored field trips.

GUIDELINES:

The Board prohibits the use, possession, and distribution of any controlled substances and/or alcohol during school hours, on school property, and at any school-sponsored event.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Any student found to be involved with the “use” of “drugs” at “school”:

1. First Offense For: Possession, Consumption, or Transportation
 - a. Shall receive an immediate meeting with the administration and school counselor. The student’s parent(s) will be required to attend this meeting.
 - a. Shall be required to participate in on-going counseling with the school counselor or with a school or non-school counselor as designated by administration and or guidance counselor.
 - b. Shall be denied the participation or attendance at any school extra-curricular activity for 30 school days from the date of the above-stated meeting.
 - c. Shall be given the names of several counseling centers.
 - d. Shall receive a 3-day out-of-school suspension.
 - e. Shall be referred to legal authorities for any violations of the law.

2. Second Offense For: Possession, Consumption, or Transportation:
 - a. Shall receive an immediate three day out-of-school suspension during which time an informal hearing will be held to determine if an additional seven days of suspension is warranted.
 - a. Shall be denied the participation or attendance at any school extra-curricular activity for 90-180 school days, extending into the next school year if necessary.
 - b. Shall be subject to a possible hearing before the Board of Trustees and may be expelled.
 - c. Shall be referred to legal authorities for any violations of the law.
 - d. Shall be required to participate in on-going counseling with the school counselor.
 - f. Shall be given the names of several counseling centers.

3. First offense For: Selling, Distributing, and/or Trafficking:
 - a. Shall receive an immediate three day out-of-school suspension during which time an informal hearing will be held to determine if an additional 7 days of suspension is warranted.
 - b. Shall be denied the participation at any school extra-curricular activity for 90-180 school days, extending into the next school year if necessary.
 - c. Shall be subject to a mandatory hearing before the Board of Trustees and may be expelled.
 - d. Shall be referred to legal authorities for any violations of the law.
 - e. Shall be required to participate in on-going counseling with the school counselor.
 - f. Shall be given the names of several counseling centers.

4. Second Offense For: Selling, Distributing, and/or Trafficking. (Definitions: Selling refers to giving any of the drugs as listed in item # 1 to any student for profit. Trafficking refers to giving any of the drugs listed in item #1 to another student either gratis or for profit.):
 - a. Shall be excluded from school until an expulsion hearing can be held with the Board of Trustees.
 - b. Shall have a mandatory hearing before the Board of Trustees and may be expelled

- c. Shall be referred to legal authorities for any violations of the law.

During a period of suspension, the student will be provided all assignments if requested.

The student will be responsible for turning in all back assignments to the teachers on the day of return and it will be the student's responsibility to make arrangements for any "in class" make-up work. These arrangements shall be made within the first three school days after the student returns.

When a student returns from a suspension, the student will be re-admitted only after a re-admittance conference is held with the following people present:

1. Student
2. Student's Parent(s) or Guardian
3. School Administrator

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