

## **STUDENT DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO USE**

In order to promote the highest possible standards of learning, as well as the physical, social and emotional well-being of students, this policy is designed to: aid students in abstaining from the unlawful use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs; provide for early intervention when use is detected; and, provide disciplinary action when necessary. Compliance with this policy is mandatory.

Any school staff member who has reason to suspect that a student has violated this policy shall report the incident to an appropriate administrator immediately.

### **A. Prevention**

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. will provide students with information and activities focused on abstaining from the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. Such information and activities will address the legal, social and health consequences of drug, alcohol and tobacco use and will provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. will work in partnership with students, parents/guardians and local law enforcement officials to eliminate these risks for all students.

### **B. Intervention**

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. has social workers to provide non-clinical chemical health assessments, assist students in addressing their harmful involvement with chemicals and in continuing their educational program. Information will be provided, as appropriate, about drug, alcohol or tobacco counseling and treatment, and programs that are available to students.

### **C. Rules and Sanctions**

Students are prohibited from consuming, possessing, furnishing, selling, receiving, buying, manufacturing or being under the influence of prohibited substances before, during and after school hours, at school, in any school building, on any school premises, in any school owned-vehicle or in any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities, off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function (such as a field trip or athletic event) where students are under the jurisdiction of the district, or at any time or place if the conduct directly interferes with the operation, discipline or welfare of the schools.

The term "prohibited substance" shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Alcohol;
2. Scheduled drugs (as defined in 17-A M.R.S.A. § 1101);
3. Controlled substances (as defined in the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC §812);
4. Tobacco products of any kind;

5. Prescription drugs not prescribed for the student and/or not in compliance with the School Committee's policy on administering medications to students (see School Committee policy JLCD);
6. Any substance which can affect or change a student's mental, physical or behavior pattern, including but not limited to volatile materials such as glue, paint or aerosols (when possessed for the purpose of inhalation) or steroids;
7. Paraphernalia – implements used for distribution or consumption of a prohibited substance; or
8. Any look-alike drug or substance that is described as or is purported to be a prohibited substance defined in this section.

Any violation of the terms of this policy shall constitute sufficient grounds for student discipline, including suspension or expulsion from school, at the appropriate discretion of the administration and the School Committee. The School Resource Officer or other appropriate law enforcement authority shall also be notified of violations of this policy. Students who participate in extra-curricular activities are subject to additional rules and sanctions (See School Committee policy JICI, Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities – Code of Conduct the Wells High School and Wells Junior High School students).

This policy shall be disseminated to students and parents/guardians through means selected by the administration.

Legal References: 21 USC 812 (Controlled Substance Act); 21 CFR Part 1300.11-15  
 20 USC 7101 et. Seq. (Safe Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act)  
 17-A M.R.S.A. 1101  
 42 USC 290dd-2; 42 CFE 2.1 et. Seq.  
 20-A M.R.S.S. 1001(9); 4008  
 22 M.R.S.A. 1578-B  
 Me PL 470 (An Act to Reduce Tobacco Use by Minors)  
 20 USC 6081 (Pro-Children Act of 2001)

Cross Reference: JFCH-R – Student Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use Administrative Procedure  
 JIC – Student Code of Conduct  
 JICI – Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities, Code of Conduct for Wells High School and Wells Junior High School Students  
 JFCJ – Weapons, Violence and School Safety  
 JGD – Suspension of Students  
 JGE – Expulsion of Students  
 JLCD – Administering Medications to Students  
 JO – Student Education Records

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