

DELANCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Board of Education recognizes that the misuse of drugs by any pupil seriously impedes that pupil's education and threatens the welfare of the entire school community. The Board is committed to the prevention of drug abuse and the rehabilitation of drug users by educational means, but will take necessary and appropriate steps to protect the school community from harm and from exposure to drugs.

For the purpose of this policy, "drug" includes all dangerous controlled substances set forth at N.J.S.A. 24:21-1, and all chemicals that release toxic vapors set forth at N.J.S.A. 2A:170-25.9 et seq.

The Board prohibits the use, possession, and/or distribution of any drug on school premises, at any event away from the school premises that is sponsored by this Board, and on any transportation vehicle provided by this Board. Pupils suspected of being under the influence of drugs will be identified, evaluated, and reported in accordance with law. A pupil who uses, possesses, or distributes a drug, on or off school premises, will be subject to discipline, which will be graded to the severity of the offense and may include suspension or expulsion. The pupil may be reported to appropriate law enforcement personnel. Incidents of drug involvement will be reported to the Commissioner on the state approved form.

Pupils suspected of involvement with drugs remote from school premises will be offered appropriate treatment and remediation.

The Board will enforce the laws of New Jersey requiring a program of drug education.

The Superintendent shall prepare and submit to the Board for its approval a comprehensive curriculum for such instruction in grades kindergarten through 8.

Drug education shall be integrated with the health curriculum.

All teaching staff members shall be alert to signs of drug use by pupils. The Board directs all staff members who suspect any pupil of being under the influence or have first-hand knowledge as to use, possession, distribution, or sale of drugs, dangerous controlled substances or other potentially harmful chemical substances or compounds shall promptly report such facts to their building principals. The Board will provide in-service training to assist teaching staff members in identifying the pupil who uses drugs, in teaching pupils about the consequences of drug use, and in helping pupils with drug-related problems in a program of rehabilitation.

The Board directs the establishment of a treatment program designed to provide counseling and support services to pupils who are under medical or therapeutic care for drug dependency and one or more special classes or courses to meet the needs of pupils with drug problems.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations for

1. A comprehensive program of drug education;
2. The identification and remediation of pupils involved with drugs;

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3. The examination and treatment of pupils suspected of being under the influence of drugs;
4. The treatment and discipline of pupils who use, possess, or distribute drugs in violation of law or this policy;
5. The evaluation of such pupils to determine their need, if any, for special education and/or related services; and
6. The readmission to school and treatment of pupils who have been convicted of drug offenses.

Board policy and implementing administrative regulations on drugs shall be reviewed and evaluated annually, in consultation with members of the community and local health agencies, and shall be distributed annually to all school staff members, pupils, and parents.

N.J.S.A. 18A:4-28.1 et seq.; 18A:35-4; 18A:40-4.1

N.J.A.C. 6:29-9

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