

DELANCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Alcohol

ALCOHOL

The Board of Education recognizes that alcoholism and the misuse of alcohol are serious social problems that have far-reaching implications for both the consumer of alcohol and for the entire community. The Board accepts responsibility for instructing pupils in the nature of alcohol and its effects and for assisting in the early identification and remediation of pupils who become involved with alcohol. The Board directs the Superintendent to cooperate and consult with the Burlington County Alcohol Advisory Committee in the development of appropriate curriculum and procedures to implement this policy.

The Board of Education prohibits the possession and consumption of any alcoholic beverage in a school building, on school grounds, on school transportation, or at any school-sponsored function. A pupil who possesses or consumes an alcoholic beverage on school premises or is under the influence of alcohol on school premises will be subject to discipline, which will be graded to the severity of the offense and may include suspension or expulsion. Incidents of alcohol involvement will be reported to the Commissioner on the state approved form.

The Board will enforce the laws of New Jersey requiring instruction in the public schools on the nature of alcohol, the effect of alcoholic drinks on the human system, and the short and long term implications of alcohol abuse on the individual and society. The Superintendent shall prepare and submit to the Board for its approval a comprehensive curriculum for such instruction in grades kindergarten through 8.

Instruction on alcohol shall be integrated with the health education curriculum.

All teaching staff members shall be alert to signs of alcohol abuse by pupils and shall respond to those signs in accordance with procedures established by the Superintendent. The Board will provide in-service training to assist teaching staff members in identifying the pupil who misuses alcohol, in teaching pupils about the consequences of alcohol abuse, and in helping pupils with alcohol-related problems in a program of rehabilitation. The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations for

1. A comprehensive program of alcohol education;
2. The identification and remediation of pupils involved
3. The examination and treatment of pupils suspected of being under the influence of alcohol;
4. The treatment and discipline of pupils who consume, possess, or distribute alcoholic beverages 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 an offense involving alcohol.

Board policy and implementing administrative regulations on alcoholic beverages shall be reviewed 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. 2C:33-15

N.J.S.A. 9:17B-1

N.J.S.A. 18A:4-28.13; 18A:26-8; 18A:35-4, 35-4a; 18A:37-2

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

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