# BOARD POLICY: ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES AND PARAPHERNALIA

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### Section A – Introduction

The Board of Education of District #225 views the presence and use of illegal substances as a significant impediment to student learning, positive social development, responsible citizenship, and safety. Furthermore, the Board believes that parents and students should expect a school environment free of illegal substances and influences of illegal substances and of the attendant paraphernalia, which environment is conducive to teaching and learning. The purpose of this policy is to foster an environment that is conducive to learning and free of illegal substances within the jurisdiction of the school.

#### Section B - Jurisdiction

The provisions of this policy shall be in force:

- In any physical area attendant to school or District-sponsored or related activities, whether
  or not such area is on school or District property (including but not limited to, school
  buildings and lands, District offices), or at any school-sponsored or related activities,
  performances, extracurricular and athletic events, school-sponsored travel at other venues;
  and
- 2. On means of school-supplied or sanctioned transportation to or from any of the above; and
- With respect to activities or events at other locations, if the administration determines that
  the incident bears a nexus (i.e. impact or connection) to the school, safety at school, or is
  disruptive to the educational environment.

In addition to the above jurisdiction, the administration is authorized to establish a Code of Conduct that imposes progressive loss of privileges by reason of any conduct by a student in violation of these policies wherever the conduct or event occurs. Students who participate in extracurricular activities such as inter-scholastic athletic, drama, fine arts and other competitions or who participate in clubs and activities are representatives of our schools, and as such are expected to conform their behavior to these policies as a condition to continued enjoyment of these privileges.

#### Section C – Definition of Terms

- 1. The term "illegal substance" as used herein is defined to include:
  - a) all alcoholic liquor (as defined in 235 ILCS 5/1-3.05),
  - b) all controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Act (as defined in 720 ILCS 570/100-603) except when prescribed for the student by a <u>licensed prescriber</u> provided said prescription drugs are used consistent with the <u>prescribing licensed prescriber</u>'s instructions,

## Section C - Definition of Terms (continued)

- all drugs, when such drug is sold, distributed, purchased, possessed, and/or consumed by the student in a manner inconsistent with the prescription and/or the prescribed purpose (including situations where a student sells, or distributes his or her prescription drugs to another and/or where a student sells, distributes, possesses or consumes another individual's prescription drugs),
- d) cannabis under the Cannabis Control Act (as defined in 720 ILCS 550/1-19),
- e) any "look-alike" substance (as defined in 720 ILCS 570/102),
- f) any drug paraphernalia (The term "drug paraphernalia," as used herein, is defined to include, but is not limited to, devices which are, or can be, used or are peculiar for use to ingest, inhale or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body. Also, included are all devices which are, or can be, used or are peculiar for use in growing, processing, possessing, storing or concealing cannabis or controlled substances.),
- any anabolic steroid (as defined in 720 ILCS 570/102) not administered under, or consistent with, a licensed prescriber's care and supervision, and
- h) any compound, liquid, or chemical that is ingested, breathed, inhaled, or consumed for the purpose of inducing a condition of intoxication, stupefaction, depression, giddiness, paralysis, or irrational behavior or in any manner changing, distorting, or disturbing the auditory, visual, or mental process (as defined in 720 ILCS 690/1).
- 2. The term "possession" as used herein is defined to include: the use of the student's person, clothing, personal property supplies, automobile, school lockers, desks, or other parts of the school environment for the storage of illegal substances. The term "possession" as used herein is also defined to include any presence of an illegal substance in any amount on the student's person, or in clothing, personal property supplies, automobile, school lockers, desks, or other parts of the school environment for the storage of illegal substances, including vehicles on school property or at school events.
- 3. The term "consumption" as used herein is defined as within the Jurisdiction, having used or consumed, exhibited any evidence of use or consumption, or participated in a plan to use or consume (whether or not consumed in the school environment) any illegal substance, as defined in Paragraph #1 of this Section.
- 4. The term "Illegal Substance Transaction" as used herein includes the sale, purchase, or distribution of, or participation in a plan or intent to sell, purchase, or distribute, any illegal substance as defined in Paragraph #1 of this Section.

# Section D - Violations and Consequences

The administration is directed to take the following action regarding substance abuse violations:

- First Offense for Consumption or Possession of Illegal Substances, Alcohol, or Paraphernalia
  - a. Suspension for ten (10) school days
  - b. Counseling for the student and parents as developed by the school and the schooldesignated agency is required, and a failure to comply will result in the MDRC's referral to the Board of Education for consideration of expulsion.

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- c. Full substance abuse assessment and compliance with all recommendations from such assessment, including random drug testing is required. The results of such testing must be negative for the use of illegal drugs, and a failure to comply will result in the MDRC's referral to the Board of Education for consideration of expulsion. (Note: The parents and student will be required to sign any necessary releases to allow for the coordination and delivery of services and/or assessments and the sharing of recommendations among parents, school officials and the provider with school officials. By signing the necessary releases, students who are 18 years of age or older are waiving their rights to the confidentiality of the assessment(s) and are allowing parental access to the assessment(s) results. The cost of the counseling, assessment, treatment plans, and drug testing will be the responsibility of the student or parent/guardian, unless otherwise determined by the Board in its discretion.)
- Loss of privileges for a probationary period beginning upon completion of the suspension.
  - Loss of open lunch for nine weeks.
  - ii. Loss of driving privileges for nine weeks
  - iii. Restricted study hall in lieu of unscheduled time for nine weeks.
  - Loss of participation in extracurricular activities according to the prescribed action for a violation of the Glenbrook Code of Conduct.
  - v. Loss of attendance at school sponsored events and activities that are in addition to the student's participation in extracurricular activities for nine weeks.
- e. Failure to comply with the provisions outlined in sections D.1.b and D.1.c above according to the timeline provided by the MDRC will result in referral to the Board of Education for consideration of expulsion.
- <u>e</u> f. Failure to comply with the provisions outlined in section D.1.d above as outlined by the MDRC will result in the MDRC reconvening to consider additional sanctions that may include referral to the Board of Education for consideration of expulsion.
- f g. Agreement to comply with the above provisions will result in a reduction of the suspension to five days.
- g h. In situations of egregious conduct, the school administration may refer the matter to the School Board for consideration of additional sanctions, including expulsion. A violation under this policy may also constitute a violation under Policy 8410: Disciplinary Action Relative to Student Misconduct.
- Second Offenses for Consumption or Possession of Illegal Substances, Alcohol, or Paraphernalia
  - a. Suspension for ten (10) school days.
  - b. Referral by the MDRC to the Board of Education for consideration for expulsion; or
  - c. Recommendation by the MDRC, upon mutual agreement of the principal, superintendent, student, and parents (for students under the age of 18), for the completion of an Alternative Discipline Plan (ADP), the provisions of which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

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- Counseling for the student and parents as developed by the school and the school-designated agency.
- Full substance abuse assessment and compliance with all recommendations from such assessment, including random drug testing. The results of such testing must be negative for the use of illegal drugs. (Note: The parents and student will be required to sign any necessary releases to allow for the coordination and delivery of services and/or assessments and the sharing of recommendations among parents, school officials and provider with school officials. By signing the necessary releases, students who are 18 years of age or older are waiving their rights to the confidentiality of the assessment(s) and are allowing parental access to the assessment(s) results. The cost of the counseling, assessment, treatment plans, and drug testing will be the responsibility of the student or parent/guardian.)
- iii. Loss of privileges for a probationary period beginning upon completion of the suspension.
  - (1) Loss of open lunch for one calendar year.
  - (2) Loss of driving privileges for 18 weeks.
  - (3) Restricted study hall in lieu of unscheduled time for 18 weeks..
  - (4) Loss of participation in extracurricular activities as prescribed by the Glenbrook Code of Conduct.
  - (5) Loss of attendance at school sponsored events or activities that are in addition to the student's participation in extracurricular activities for 18 weeks.
- d. A re-entry meeting upon completion of the ADP to review academic progress and to review the need for additional transition services.
- e. Failure to comply with the provisions outlined in section D.2.c.i and D.2.c.ii above according to the timeline provided by the MDRC will result in referral to the Board of Education for consideration of expulsion.
- f. Failure to comply with the provisions outlined in section D.2.c.iii above as outlined by the MDRC will result in the MDRC reconvening to consider additional sanctions that may include referral to the Board of Education for consideration of expulsion.
- g. In situations of egregious conduct, the school administration may refer the matter to the School Board for consideration of additional sanctions, including expulsion. A violation under this policy may also constitute a violation under Policy 8410: Disciplinary Action Relative to Student Misconduct.
- 3. First and Subsequent Offenses for Illegal Substance Transaction and Third and Subsequent Offenses for Possession of Illegal Substances, Alcohol, or Paraphernalia
  - a. Suspension for ten (10) school days.
  - b. Referral by the MDRC to the Board of Education for consideration for expulsion.

### Section E – Procedures and Interventions

- The administration is authorized by the Board to develop intervention procedures and procedures for administering penalties for violations for consumption, possession, and Illegal Substance Transactions in accordance with the procedures of Policy 8410: Disciplinary Action Relative to Student Misconduct.
- 2. The administration will advise the Board each time an ADP has been commenced for a student, including providing (i) a description of the violations and circumstances for which the ADP was prescribed; (ii) a description of the terms of the ADP, and (iii) a copy of the ADP agreement entered into by the student, parents and district.

#### Section F - Enumeration of Offenses

Offenses shall be cumulative over the student's high school years.

### Section G - Substance Abuse Education

The Board of Education directs and authorizes the administration to develop programs of education on the subject of illegal substance use and to establish procedures for their implementation.

### Section H - Reporting of Substance Abuse

Members of the school administration and staff who have reasonable suspicion or who witness an act of illegal substance possession or use on or off school premises or at school-sponsored events shall immediately report the incident with the name of the student or students involved to the dean of students.

### Section I - Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

The staff and administration are directed to communicate and cooperate with law enforcement agencies in matters relating to the sale, distribution, use or possession of illegal substance in accordance with Reciprocal Reporting Agreements approved by the Board and respective Villages, so long as the sharing of such information does not deny rights guaranteed by existing laws or court decisions and does not conflict with the protected rights of students as contained in the law or Board policies.

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