FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY FOR STUDENTS

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6460.1 <u>Introduction</u>

The Fairfield Area School District values each member of its school community and believes that all individuals have the right to develop to their fullest potential. It is recognized that chemical abuse and dependency seriously impair the ability of individuals to develop their full potential. It is also recognized that problems created by chemical abuse and dependency have an adverse effect on the ability of all members of the school community to achieve personal and District educational goals. This policy is based on the belief that chemical dependency is a life-threatening illness that affects the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development of all individuals. Because chemical dependency is a treatable illness, the Fairfield School District has adopted this following policy and the related Administrative Procedure.

- 6460.2 The Board recognizing that the misuse of chemicals is a serious problem with legal, physical, emotional and social implications for the whole school community, adopts the position that students must be chemically free in order to develop in the most productive and healthy manner.
- 6470.3 It is the District's policy to prevent and prohibit the possession, use, and/or distribution of an illegal or controlled mood-altering chemical, medication, or abused chemical not approved by the health office, on school property, at school sponsored events and enroute to and from school by any mode of travel.
- 6460.4 <u>Violations</u> Violations of this policy include the possession, use, sale or distribution of chemicals as defined and described within the parameters of this policy. The consequences of such violations may result in permanent expulsion from school by the Board of School Directors.
- 6460.5 This policy will be implemented through the cooperative efforts of the faculty, administration, school employee groups, students, parents/guardians, and community agencies of the District.

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