

# Grand River Technical School

## Student Alcohol/Drug Abuse

The School Board recognizes its share of responsibility for the health, welfare, and safety of the students who attend the Chillicothe R-II School District. Therefore, the use, sale, transfer, possession or being under the influence of intoxicants, alcohol, and/or physical- or mind-altering chemicals (drugs) or drug paraphernalia are prohibited on or in school property, at school-sponsored activities or events, or in any vehicle while being used to transport students for the school district.

While it is not the intention of the Board or school faculty and administration to restrict the education of any eligible person in the school district, it is recognized that good school discipline and school citizenship are necessary for the proper learning environment to take place. It is not fair to those students desiring to make the most of their educational opportunities for them to be exposed to unnecessary disruptions and distractions as caused by fellow students under the influence of drugs or alcohol or in possession of these substances.

1. For the purpose of this policy, a controlled substance shall include any substance whose use or possession is controlled by law, including any counterfeit substance or imitation substance as defined in the Narcotic Drug Act, Section 195.010, RSMo.
2. Any student of the school district in possession of, or under the influence of, a controlled substance without prior notification of the school nurse or respective school principal or superintendent shall be in violation of this policy. Any student in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol is also in violation of this policy. Any such substance in the student's possession, which is not exempt from this policy as defined in Paragraph 3 below, shall constitute a violation of this policy.
3. The student body shall be informed that the Board of Education and the school's staff consider drug and alcohol enforcement to be a continuing duty. Therefore, all "over-the-counter" drugs will also need to be cleared with the nurse or respective principal or superintendent before being taken. Students will need to daily notify one of the above people of the need for medication as long as the medication is taken.
4. The school administration or teachers shall have the right to conduct searches that are reasonable in scope of persons reasonably suspected to be in violation of this policy during or after school hours, on school property, or at any school event, whether at the school or at some alternate location. **Note: Lockers and desks are school property, provided as a convenience to students, and they, as well as cars parked on school property, are subject to search. Students suspected of being in violation of school policy may be requested to submit to voluntary personal searches. Students who refuse to submit to a voluntary search may be referred to appropriate law enforcement authorities if a GRTS administrator deems such action necessary.**
5. Any student who, after being given an opportunity to present his version of an incident, is found by the administration and/or staff to be in violation of this policy may be suspended from all extracurricular activities for a minimum of 180 school days, regardless of whether such periods may span semesters or school years.
6. All controlled substances shall be turned over to the local law enforcement agency.
7. Any student found using, under the influence of, selling, or in possession of narcotics, alcohol, or other controlled substances (other than legally prescribed medicines) or drug paraphernalia on school property or during a school activity may be:
  - A. Suspended by the principal for a period not less than three days nor more than 10 days or by the superintendent for a period not to exceed 180 days.
  - B. Required to appear with a parent or guardian for a conference regarding the reasons for his/her suspension and the conditions, if any, under which the student may be readmitted to school prior to the end of the scheduled suspension.

Adopted:

Cross Refs: JGR

JFG, Interrogations and Searches

JGD/JGE, Student Suspension and Expulsion

Legal Refs: 167.161, 167.171, 195.010, RSMo.

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