

#### **443.4           STUDENT USE OF ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

The Williams Bay School District wishes to provide a healthy, safe, and drug-free environment in which students can learn and grow. It is to this end that the District establishes a program to provide education, assistance, and support for students affected by their own or others' chemical dependency or other alcohol and drug abuse-related problems along with the following guidelines.

The possession, distribution, selling, use of (meaning any detectable alcohol or drugs within the body), or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, or the possession of drug-related paraphernalia while on school premises, on school-sponsored transportation, or at any school-sponsored activities is prohibited. Prescription medications are to be construed as exceptions to this policy when used by the individual for whom they were prescribed and, in the manner, and amount prescribed.

A student who is on school premises, in a motor vehicle on school premises, or is participating in a school-sponsored activity may be required to submit to a breath test to determine the presence of alcohol if a school official or law enforcement officer has a reasonable suspicion that the student has alcohol in his/her system in violation of this policy. Such test shall be administered by a law enforcement officer or trained school district employee and shall meet state requirements. A student may be disciplined for refusing to submit to such a test.

Students violating this policy will be subject to school disciplinary action, including possible suspension and expulsion from school and school activities following established procedures. The Williams Bay School District also wishes to provide support, information, evaluation, guidance, and referral for treatment to students who show indications of alcohol and other drug abuse, to students who live in a chemically dependent family environment, and to students returning from alcohol and other drug abuse treatment. However, providing this support and other services does not prohibit the District from carrying out disciplinary actions at the same time.

#### **Process for Student Discipline for Students Involved in Distributing, Selling, Using, and/or Possession of Alcohol and/ or Controlled Substances:**

If a student, while on the school premises, on school-sponsored transportation, or while involved in any school-sponsored activity, is suspected or found to be distributing, selling, using, possessing, and/or possessing with the intention of selling alcohol and/or drugs or other controlled substances, this procedure is to be followed:

1. The student will be immediately referred to the administration for investigation. After the evidence has been explained to the student and if the student denies the charges, he/she shall be allowed to explain his/her version of the alleged offense. If in the judgment of the administrator the accusation has merit, the administrator will notify the student's parents or guardians, and the police. Any controlled substances or paraphernalia will be confiscated and referred to the police.

2. The student will be subject to immediate suspension from school. Such suspension shall be following state law and established procedures.
3. The student shall be recommended to the Board for expulsion following state law and established procedures. Any consideration of expulsion for students with a disability will conform to statutes.

### **Process for Student Discipline for Students Under the Influence of Controlled Substances and/or Alcohol or Possessing Drug Paraphernalia:**

Students under the influence of controlled substances or alcohol, whether on the school premises, on school-sponsored transportation or at any school-sponsored activity or in the possession of drug paraphernalia will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- **FIRST OFFENSE:** The student will be suspended from school for one to five school days. Parents will be called and urged to accompany the student to school at the end of the suspension. The student will be referred to a counselor. The school will recommend an AOD Assessment\*.

\*Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Assessment – An assessment is defined as a fact-finding interview(s) conducted by a mental health, alcohol, or another drug professional. The purpose of the assessment is to define the extent of the student's usage pattern concerning alcohol and/or other drugs. The assessment is most appropriate in determining the needs of the student related to program involvement (education and/or treatment programs). District employees do not conduct assessments. However, they may screen students to determine the possible need for assessment. Assessments are always voluntary.

- **SECOND OFFENSE:** A recommendation for expulsion will be made to the School Board.

The police will automatically be called for any incidents in which an illegal substance is found at school or any school-sponsored activity.

The number of "under the influence" offenses will follow a student throughout his/her Middle/Senior High School years. This means a student has only two offenses in his/her 6 – 12 career before expulsion procedures will be started.

An essential feature of the assistance program is that students, along with their families, are encouraged to contact staff persons, the building principal, or the counselor regarding problems with alcohol and other drugs, with the assurance that such contacts will be handled confidentially following state law.

Students may be referred to the counselor by school staff, other students, parents, or community agencies (e.g., clergy, law enforcement).

Any student judged by the administrator to be a possible danger to himself/herself may be excused from school until a professional evaluation is obtained. In cases of extended absence, assignments will be provided or homebound instruction initiated.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 118.15, 118.24(2)(f), 118.45, 118.126,  
118.127, 118.257, 120.13(1), 125.02(8m), 125.037, 125.09(2)

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