

Substance and Alcohol Abuse

Shoshone School District #312 recognizes that substance abuse, the harmful use of drugs and alcohol, and the problems associated are becoming increasingly commonplace in society. It is recognized that a student's involvement with drugs and alcohol may cause problems in his/her life. It is also recognized that involvement can lead to chemical dependency and alcoholism. The District supports prevention, early intervention, and appropriate referral. The intent is to identify and document any behavior/appearance that would be considered problematic to the student. Disciplinary action will be taken when necessary.

The District believes in the value of training employees to help recognize students in need, and to increase employee awareness levels with respect to substance abuse. Continuous employee training is encouraged in this area through the district programs and employees' own efforts.

Shoshone School District believes that, along with parents and the community, the school has a role to play in helping students understand the health risks and total dangers of alcohol and drug use. Therefore, the District will cooperate by acting as a resource to students, parents, and teachers. The intent is to act as educator, identifier, referring agent, and to promote the safety, health, and well being of students.

**DEFINITIONS:**

1. Use: Whenever a student has consumed, taken, or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol on or near District property any time or at a school sponsored event.
2. Possession: To have drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol on your person or within an area of your control including, but not limited to: car, locker, books, and clothes on or near District property anytime or at a school sponsored event.
3. Distribution: To share and/or sell alcohol or other controlled substances to other students or persons on or near District property or at a school sponsored event.
4. Controlled Substance: Any substance, obtainable with or without a prescription, that can be used in a manner dangerous to the health of the user. This includes, but is not limited to, marijuana, amphetamines (stimulants), barbiturates (depressants), cocaine, codeine, inhalants, heroine, and hallucinogens.
5. Alcoholic Beverages: Any beverage that contains alcohol including, but not limited to, beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor.

6. Found: Positive proof that the student has involvement in use, possession, and/or distribution of alcohol or other controlled substances. School property, such as lockers and desks, are jointly held by the school and the student. School authorities have the right to conduct general inspection of all such property on a regular basis.

7. Student Assistance Team: A team approach to deal with students who are having behavioral/substance abuse problems. The team will be comprised of administrator(s), counselor(s), and the school nurse (if possible). Optional members may include teachers, the school psychologist, and the Resource Officer.

8. Intervention: The process by which designated members of the Student Assistance Team share information and concerns about a student with his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) and makes a recommendation for dealing with the concern.

9. Activity: District sponsored, Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) sanctioned, interscholastic activities as identified in the IHSSA Rules and Regulations manual and School Sanctioned Clubs.

10. Under the Influence: Any student judged to be under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances during school hours or at a school-sponsored event will be subject to policy disciplinary procedures and will be referred to law enforcement as defined under DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES.

11. Voluntary Disclosure: For those students that come forward and voluntarily disclose using and/or being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs while on school property or at a school function, prior to the District having reasonable suspicion, the District will provide counseling to any such student and make recommendations for referral to appropriate agencies for screening and assessment. The parent or legal guardian of the student will be immediately notified and the District will cooperate with and work with the parent in the establishment of plan to assist the student in whatever means are deemed necessary and appropriate. Only persons on a "need to know" basis may receive information regarding a voluntary disclosure, except when deemed reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of others.

12. Assessment: The process of using an objective assessment tool to gather relevant data to determine if a substance abuse problem exists and to what extent. Assessments are given, at parent expense, by professional, certified evaluators who are independent of the Shoshone School District.

13. Reasonable Suspicion: reliable information received or the personal observations of staff

#### DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

Students are forbidden to knowingly and/or voluntarily use, possess, distribute/sell alcohol or other controlled substances while in school or at school sponsored events.

1. Distribution/Sale: Any student found to be distributing or selling alcohol or other controlled substance will be recommended for expulsion. Parents and law enforcement will be notified immediately upon verification of the violation. (Zero Tolerance)
2. Under the Influence: Any student judged to be under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances, regardless of any previous voluntary disclosure, will be deemed to be in violation of section 37-2732C, Idaho Code, and will be subject to evaluation by an intervention trained counselor, administrator, or designee. Upon completion of the school's evaluation, the building designee may choose to seek an evaluation by either a Drug Recognition Expert or law enforcement. The law enforcement evaluation may result in the transfer of school custodial responsibility to law enforcement in accordance with Section 20-216, Idaho Code.
3. Use/Possession: Controlled substances confiscated will be turned over to law enforcement within 24 hours. Any student found to be using or in possession of alcohol or other controlled substances will be disciplined in the following manner:

#### KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE

1. First Offense while in attendance at the elementary level:

Law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. Parents will be notified and asked to make arrangements to take the student home for the remainder of the day. If unable to go home, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day.

The student will receive in-school suspension for the following three (3) days. During those three days, the student will be required to do an assignment on Drugs and Alcohol, either audio/visual or written (to be determined by the principal or counselor). The assignment will be on the effects of Drugs and Alcohol on a child's life. The assignment should include physical and emotional effects.

Students will also be required to talk to the Resource Officer.

Principal, counselor, or building team will schedule a parent conference within a week of the offense to assess an appropriate plan and follow-up for student. If deemed necessary, student will be referred to a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a Certified Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Counselor, at parent expense, and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to the school district is required.

2. Second Offense while in attendance at the elementary level:

Parent or guardians and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The student will be suspended out-of-school for five (5) days. Out of school suspension may be reduced to three (3) days if the student and parents agree to a drug and alcohol

assessment conducted by a Certified Alcoholism/Drug Abuse counselor, at parent expense, and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to the School District is required.

Upon return to school, student will be required to:

- a. Attend small group and/or individual counseling to be assigned by school counselor.
- b. Perform five hours of service work for teachers, principal, or building maintenance to be assigned and monitored by building administrator or designee.
- c. Conference once a week with mentor assigned by building administrator or designee for at least one semester following offense.

3. THIRD OR ADDITIONAL OFFENSE(S) while in attendance at elementary level:

Parents or guardians and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. Student will be recommended for expulsion from school for the remainder of semester with a minimum expulsion of two (2) weeks (In compliance with Idaho Code 33-205). Upon return to school, the student must: 1) attend small group and/or individual counseling with school counselor or psychologist for at least six (6) months following offense; 2) keep weekly appointments with mentor assigned by principal or building team for a minimum of six (6) months following offense; 3) present proof that a drug and alcohol assessment has been completed, at parent expense, and that the recommendations of the Certified Drug Abuse/Alcoholism counselor have been followed.

## SIXTH – TWELFTH GRADE

1. FIRST OFFENSE while in attendance at the Sixth – Twelfth Grade level:

Law enforcement and parents will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The student and the parent(s) will complete the following requirements:

- a. The student will receive in-school suspension for the next five (5) days.
- b. The student will be ineligible to attend all school activities for a period of ten (10) days from the date of the verification of the violation.

2. SECOND OFFENSE while in attendance at the Sixth – Twelfth Grade level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The student will be recommended for expulsion from school for one (1) semester or if a minimum of twenty (20) school days remain in the current semester, the student may be recommended for expulsion for the next semester and complete the following:

- a. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a Certified Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Counselor, at parent expense, and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to the School District is required.

- b. If the student does not complete all requirements listed above, an out-of-school suspension for five (5) additional days will take place.
- c. It is strongly recommended that the student and parents(s) attend four (4) consecutive parent information classes.

“Extracurricular Activities” in this policy is defined as “approved and usually organized student activities connected with school and usually carrying no academic credit.” These activities include, but are not limited to, athletics, cheerleading, and clubs. A student may not compete in any co-curricular activity (including drama, music, speech, debate, Academic Decathlon, Business Professionals of America, etc.), but may participate in those concerts or other productions required for successful completion of a course of study. A student may not participate in dances, class and club activity trips, fundraisers, awards programs (except graduation), dance/drill team, etc.

The District shall provide written annual notification of the voluntary disclosure provisions of this policy as well as counseling availability and any other pertinent information in the student handbook or other reasonable means.

Cross References:	3370	Searches and Seizures
	3330	Student Discipline
	3340	Corrective Actions and Punishment
	3360	Discipline of Students with Disabilities
Legal Reference:	Pub L. 100-690	The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (as amended)
	I.C. § 33-210	Attendance at Schools- Students using or under the influence of controlled substances
	IDAPA 08-02-03-160	Safe Environment and Discipline

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