

Substance Abuse Policy

This language should be added to the student handbook after the statement: “Offending students will be dealt with firmly and swiftly within the guidelines of their due process rights (48).” *Add:* Students under the influence and/or in possession of illegal substances shall be dealt with as follows:

Students in school, on school grounds or at any school sponsored event and under the influence, ***but not in possession of illegal substances***, will be suspended for one (1) day and lose all social and/or senior privileges including parking permit (if applicable) for three (3) months;

Parents will be notified and the student must be taken home immediately by a parent or guardian. If a parent/guardian is not willing or unable to remove the student from school, the police department will be notified and requested to take the student into protective custody;

The student and a parent/guardian must attend a reinstatement meeting with the Assistant Principal at which time the student will also be referred to the PHS Student Assistance Counselor for in-school counseling;

A **second offense** will result in a five (5) day suspension, loss of social and/or senior privileges including parking permit (if applicable) for the remainder of the school year, a parent reinstatement meeting and a review of the student’s progress with the Student Assistance Counselor;

A **third offense** will result in a suspension from school until a parent/student hearing can be scheduled with the Assistant Superintendent for possible expulsion from PHS;

Students ***in possession of illegal substances*** in school buildings, on school grounds or at any school sponsored event will have those items confiscated. The police department, and the student’s parent or guardian, will be notified. If a parent/guardian is not willing or is unable to remove the student from school or school sponsored event, the police department will be notified and requested to take the student into protective custody;

The student will be suspended for ten (10) school days and lose all senior and/or social privileges and parking permit (if applicable) for the remainder of the school year. The Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of Schools will be notified, and a parent or guardian must reinstate the student with the Assistant Principal prior to returning to school. At that meeting the Student Assistance Counselor will be present to begin mandatory, in-school substance abuse counseling;

Failure to attend in-school substance abuse counseling will result in notification by the Student Assistance Counselor to the Assistant Principal or his/her designee and parent/guardian. Disciplinary consequences may include suspension and/or an exclusion hearing before the Assistant Superintendent;

In both cases where students return to school, senior, parking and/or social ***privileges may be reinstated*** on the advice of the Student Assistance Counselor in consultation with the Assistant Principal or his/her designee. Compliance with in-school counseling, consistent attendance, behavior and grades will be factors when reinstating privileges.

Students ***who attempt to sell or provide any illegal substances*** in or on school grounds or at any school sponsored event, will be suspended. All social and senior privileges will be terminated, the police and a parent/guardian will be notified, and the principal will recommend expulsion from PHS.

Note: The actual language to the district policy has not been revised since 1999. The teacher's role in reporting or in the confiscating of substances should be reviewed to protect both student and teacher.

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