

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY / SAFE SCHOOLS

Possession, distribution or sale of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, so-called imitation drugs and all other drugs, as defined in this policy, is prohibited in all Box Elder School District schools, on school grounds, at all school-sanctioned activities, or when students are being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district. All violations of this policy will be referred to the proper law enforcement agency.

Student Notice

"You are hereby notified that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful. It is a violation of this policy of this school district for any student to distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage or fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor. It is unlawful to manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid or any other controlled substance as defined in Schedule I through V of Section 202 of Controlled Substances Act and as further defined by Regulation 21 CFR 1300.11 through 1300.15, before, during or after school hours, at school or in any other school district location as defined below.

"School district location" means in any school building and on any school premises; in any school-owned vehicle or in any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or other school activities; off-school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function, (such as a field trip or athletic event), or during any period of time when the student is under the supervision of school district personnel or otherwise engaged in a school district activity.

"Any student who violates the terms of the school district's Drug and Alcohol Policy is subject to the discipline outlined in the school district's policies including all disciplinary sanctions consistent with local, state, and federal law, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution and/or completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program. You are further notified that compliance with this policy is mandatory."

Definitions of Box Elder School District Minimum Policies

1. Under this policy, drugs and narcotics shall be interpreted to mean any chemical considered illegal under federal, state, or local laws, all controlled substances included, but not limited to: tobacco, alcohol, or other intoxicants not prescribed by a physician for current personal medical treatment.
2. Drug paraphernalia includes all equipment, products, and materials of any kind including the constituent parts thereof that are either designed for use or which are intended by the student for use in packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body drugs or a controlled substance, except those which are possessed by the student pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed physician for current personal medical treatment.
3. In-school suspension is understood to mean suspension where the student remains in the school rather than being sent home. Specific school procedures for "in-school suspension" shall be developed by each school and submitted to the superintendent for approval.
4. Designated educator is understood to mean a member of the school staff, appointed by the principal, who is assigned to enforce provisions of this policy.
5. Substance abuse assessment, intervention, counseling and treatment programs licensed by the State of Utah and recognized by the Board of Education for the assistance of people with a substance abuse problem. The Board reserves the rights to, in all cases, approve or disapprove such programs for the purpose of implementing this policy.

First Violation: Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco / Safe Schools

1. Automatic law enforcement referral.
2. Automatic school suspension with no participation in extracurricular activities until parent or guardian conference is held.
3. The parent or guardian and student will be informed about counseling services and support groups that are available.
4. The parent or guardian and the student may be requested to fill out a non-use agreement with the designated educator.
5. Students who are participants in extracurricular activities will be suspended from such activities for a minimum of two consecutive games, meets, matches, competitions or performances at the same level of play, except in the event a stricter policy was established by individual sport coaches. Practice may be continued following a personal assessment of the student by a licensed substance abuse intervention or treatment program, and/or participation in a district approved intervention program. (Refer to Page BRHS School Athletic Training Code of Conduct and Scholastic Eligibility Rules.)
6. **Subsequent tobacco violations are always treated as a first offense.**

Second Violation: Drugs & Alcohol / Safe Schools

1. Automatic law enforcement referral.
2. Automatic school suspension with no participation in extracurricular activities until parent or guardian conference is held.
3. Students who are participants in extracurricular activities will be suspended for a minimum of six weeks from games, meets, matches, competitions or performances. Student participation in an assessment by a licensed substance abuse intervention or treatment program with prescribed follow-up is required. Practice may continue only after the assessment has been completed and positive participation in the prescribed follow-up is occurring.
4. The Box Elder School District Office of Pupil Services may evaluate and determine if changing schools or alternative placement would be best for all parties.

Third Violation: Drugs & Alcohol / Safe Schools

1. Automatic law enforcement referral.
2. The student will be suspended from school until a parent conference can be held to explain discipline procedures #3 and #4 below:
3. The student will be referred to the District Office of Pupil Services for expulsion or placement in homebound, home study or an alternative program.
4. Students who are participants in extracurricular activities will be suspended a minimum of eighteen (18) weeks from all games, meets, matches, competitions, performances, and practices. Where applicable, this suspension carries over into the following school year. Reinstatement of eligibility at the end of the eighteen-week suspension is predicated upon successful completion of a formal assessment, intervention and treatment program. Participation in all extracurricular activities may be suspended indefinitely depending on the placement made in #3 above.

Distribution for Value or Non-Value

Any student convicted of distribution or a controlled substance or furnishing alcohol to minors on school grounds, during school-sponsored activities, when being transported by school vehicles, or during school hours when the student is truant from class will be dealt with as a Third Violation. The school administrator reserves the right to add stiffer penalties when appropriate.