

1 **3340 STUDENTS**

2 Chemical Use Policy

3 The District believes that the all-around development of students is important and that implementation
4 of these rules will serve these purposes:

- 5 • Emphasize concern for the health and well-being of all students;
- 6 • Provide a chemical-free environment which will encourage healthy development;
- 7 • Diminish chemical use by providing an education assistance program;
- 8 • Promote a sense of self-discipline among students;
- 9 • Confirm and support existing state laws regarding the use of drugs, tobacco and alcohol;
- 10 • Emphasize standards of conduct for those students who, through their participation in extra and
11 co-curricular activities, are leaders and role models for their peers and younger students; and
- 12 • Assist students who desire to resist peer pressure that often directs them toward the illegal use
13 of chemicals.

14 **All Students:**

15 All students will be held accountable for using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling illegal drugs
16 or controlled substances, imitation controlled substances, look-alike drugs and drug paraphernalia,
17 alcohol, and tobacco or nicotine innovations. Students who may be under the influence of such substances
18 will not be permitted to attend school functions and will be treated as though they had drugs or alcohol
19 in their possession. (Board Policy 3310) Use of tobacco products in a public school building or on public
20 school property is prohibited, unless used in a classroom or on other school property as part of a lecture,
21 demonstration, or educational forum sanctioned by a school. (Board Policy 8225)

22 **Students Involved In Extra And Co-Curricular Activities:**

23 The District views participation in extracurricular activities as an opportunity extended to students willing
24 to make a commitment to adhere to the rules which govern them. Students participating in school related
25 activities whether sponsored by the MHSA or not, shall not illegally use, have in possession, sell, or
26 distribute alcohol, tobacco, nicotine innovations or illegal drugs, or abuse prescription or non-prescription
27 drugs. This rule is in effect twenty-four (24) hours a day for the duration of the school year. The school
28 year is defined as the start of fall sports to the end of the school year or activities, whichever is later. If a
29 student is charged with a Minor in Possession (MIP), Minor in Possession – Tobacco (MIPT), or Driving
30 Under the Influence (DUI), or there is reasonable suspicion to believe the student is or has been illegally
31 using tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, the student will forfeit the privilege of participating in school related
32 activities. Additional sanctions for the student may apply depending upon the individual circumstances of
33 the offense and the specific written requirements of their activity supervisors. The student will be offered
34 a District-approved chemical awareness class and/or a tobacco education group (TEG) class. Successful
35 completion of this class may reduce the sanctions.

36 The Administration shall publish the participation rules annually in the athletic activities and student
37 handbooks.

1 **PENALTIES FOR STUDENTS REGARDING DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO VIOLATIONS**

2 In addition to disciplinary action outlined in Policy 3310, the following penalties apply;

3 **First Offense - All Students:**

- 4 • Parent Notification.
- 5 • SRO Notification to determine ticketing, if appropriate.
- 6 • Out of school suspension (OSS) or In-school suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the school day
7 and 10 additional days of OSS or ISS or Saturday School.
- 8 • In lieu of the 10-day suspension, student may be offered a District-approved chemical awareness
9 class and/or a tobacco education group (TEG) class. Agreeing to participate in this class can
10 reduce the out-of-school suspension to the day of the infraction and up to 3-5 days of in-school
11 suspension and/or Saturday School. Failure to complete the assigned class will result in re-
12 instatement of the 10-day suspension.

13 All contraband will be confiscated by the school administration.

14 **First Offense - Additional Penalties for Extra or Co-Curricular Participants:**

15 **Drugs and Alcohol**

- 16 1. Students involved in extra- or co-curricular activities that violate the chemical use policy will be
17 suspended for their activity for one calendar year for drug or alcohol offenses. The one year
18 sanction for drug or alcohol offenses may be reduced to 30 calendar days for the successful
19 completion of the District approved chemical awareness class.
- 20 2. Students are encouraged to self-report violations to any coach or school official. If a student self-
21 reports within 24 hours of the violation, the principal may reduce the suspension from activities
22 to 20 days if the student successfully completes the District approved chemical awareness class
23 within a 20 day time period from the date of infraction.

24 **Tobacco**

- 25 1. Students involved in extra- or co-curricular activities that violate the tobacco use policy will be
26 suspended from their activity for 20 calendar days.

27 **Second Offense – All Students**

- 28 • Parent notification.
- 29 • Determine suspension consequences and SRO ticketing response, if appropriate
- 30 • Student will be referred for a chemical dependency evaluation with the District’s substance abuse
31 counselor or other approved provider, unless sufficient time has passed that might allow the
32 student to benefit from retaking the chemical awareness class. Consult with the District
33 substance abuse counselor to determine most appropriate course of action for the student.
- 34 • Failure to complete the chemical dependency assessment or other assigned consequences will
35 result in 10 days of suspension from school.
- 36 • Illegal tobacco violations will result in retaking the tobacco education group.

1 **Second Offense - Additional Penalties for Extra or Co-Curricular Participants:**

2 **Drugs and Alcohol**

3 **Same calendar year**

4 Students who are repeat offenders for drug and alcohol violations within the same calendar year as their
5 first offense will forfeit the opportunity to participate in all extra and co-curricular activities for a period
6 of one year.

7 **Subsequent Calendar years**

8 1. Students involved in extra- or co-curricular activities that violate the chemical use policy will be
9 suspended from their activity for one calendar year for drug or alcohol offenses. The one year
10 sanction for drug or alcohol offenses may be reduced to 30 calendar days for the successful
11 completion of the District approved chemical awareness class.

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13 reports within 24 hours of the violation, the principal may reduce the suspension from activities
14 to 20 days if the student successfully completes the District approved chemical awareness class
15 within a 20 day time period from the date of infraction.

16 **Tobacco**

17 Students involved in extra- or co-curricular activities that violate the tobacco use policy will be suspended
18 from their activity for 20 calendar days.

19 **Third and Subsequent Offenses - All Students**

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- 21 • Parent notification.
 - 22 • Determine suspension consequences and SRO ticketing response, if appropriate.
 - 23 • Consultation with the District substance abuse counselor and parent, if appropriate, to determine
24 level of care most appropriate for the student.
 - 25 • Illegal tobacco violations will result in retaking the tobacco education group.

26 **Third and Subsequent Offenses - Additional Penalties for Extra or Co-Curricular Participants:**

27 **Drugs and Alcohol**

28 Students who are repeat offenders for drugs and alcohol will forfeit the opportunity to participate
29 in all extra and co-curricular activities for a period of one calendar year.

30 **Tobacco**

31 Illegal tobacco violations will result in a 20-day suspension from activities and retaking the tobacco
32 education group.

33 **Student and Parent/Legal Guardian Due Process**

34 If a determination is made that a student has violated this policy, the student and parent or guardian shall
35 be notified of the violation by telephone where possible, and also by mail. Also at this time, the student
36 and parent or guardian shall be notified of the type of discipline that will be administered.

37 Students who are suspended from activities for one year due to a third offense, may appeal the conditions
of the suspension before an administrative hearing panel.

1 Appeal Process:

2 Any parent or legal guardian and student who is aggrieved by the imposition of discipline shall have the
3 right to appeal any administrative decision to the Board through the Uniform Complaint Procedure.

4 Cross Reference:

5 3215 Students Uniform Complaint Procedure

6 3310 Students Student Discipline

7 8225 Non-Instructional Tobacco Free Policy

8 Legal Reference:

9 § 20-5-201, MCA Duties and sanctions

10 Policy History:

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