



Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

This policy shall supplement and not replace Board Policy 227 regarding controlled substances and suspension and expulsion.

Definition

For purposes of this policy, **controlled substances** shall be defined in accordance with Board policy.[1]

Guidelines

Covered Students

This policy applies to all students of Manheim Township in grades 6 through 12. Parental permission to use, consume or possess any substance described herein does not negate the application of this policy by the district.

A student can be found guilty of violating this policy if there is an official police report, or if a parent/guardian notifies the administration, or if the student admits to participating, or if a professional staff member witnesses the violation.

Voluntary Admissions/Treatment

Any student who recognizes s/he has a controlled substance abuse problem and who voluntarily commits to a treatment program will not be subject to this policy's first offense penalty provisions provided that:

1. The admission by the student occurs based on the student seeking help and not as a result of an investigation initiated by the district or a law enforcement agency.
2. Any student who voluntarily admits to controlled substance use, abuse or dependency to any district staff member will temporarily forfeit participation in any school-sponsored club, activity, privilege or athletic team until a recommendation can be made by the Student Assistance

Team.\ This recommendation shall be made within ten school days of the date of the student self-referral. If the ten-day limit cannot be met, the student will be reinstated to the club activity, privilege or athletic team on a probationary basis pending the recommendation.

Prohibited Acts

1. Drug and Alcohol Violations – A student who possesses, uses, transmits, is under the influence of, or knowingly is at a location or in a vehicle where others are illegally possessing, using, transmitting, or under the influence of any controlled substance, violates this policy if the activities occur within the coverage described below.
2. Acts of Violence – A student who commits an act of violence violates this policy if the activity occurs within the coverage described below. An act of violence may include, but shall not be limited to, actions that if prosecuted criminally might constitute aggravated assault, sexual assault, simple assault, or other actions involving physical injury or abuse of other persons.

Coverage

1. The policy shall apply to conduct twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week unless otherwise specified. This policy applies to actions that occur at any location, whether or not on school grounds.
2. Covered drug and alcohol violations can occur at any time during the academic school year, as well as during the season of any co-curricular or extracurricular activity or interscholastic sport in which the student is or plans to be a participant, including training camps.
3. Covered acts of violence can occur at any time during the calendar year.

Consequences

1. **First Offense –**

Suspension from participating in interscholastic sports, extracurricular activities, and loss of other school privileges, including parking privileges, for sixty calendar days from the date of the determination that a violation has occurred. If, at the expense of the student, the student successfully completes a drug and alcohol program that is acceptable to the district, the period of suspension for a drug or alcohol violation may be reduced to forty days.

2. **Second Offense –**

The same consequences as recited above under First Offense apply, except the suspension will be for three -hundred sixty-five calendar days.

3. **Third Offense –**

The student will be permanently prohibited from participating in any interscholastic sport or extracurricular activity at Manheim Township School District, and from receiving any school privileges, including parking privileges.

A student who has been suspended or prohibited from participating in any extracurricular, co-curricular, or interscholastic sport activities under this policy shall be:

1. Ineligible for any awards or recognition for the activity from which the student has been suspended or removed if the student is under suspension when the regular season ends.
2. Removed from any office held in a school organization for the remainder of the school year and shall forfeit any awards or recognition for that activity.

Determination

For students participating in interscholastic sports or extracurricular activities, their senior advisor/head coach and the principal shall determine whether the student violated the provisions of this policy and shall impose the appropriate consequences within the terms of the policy. For all other students, their principal shall make the necessary determination and impose the appropriate consequences.

A student may request a review of the decision by submitting a written request for review to the principal within seven days of the decision to impose consequences.

Upon receipt of a request for review, the principal will meet with the student, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), advisor, coach, or others as deemed appropriate, to discuss the offense and imposition of the consequences. The decision of the principal shall be final.

Notification

Advisors and athletic coaches of interscholastic sports and extracurricular activities shall implement this policy with a written agreement to be signed by the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), before the student may participate in the activities.