

## **Bigfork School District #38**

### **STUDENTS**

**3335**

#### Chemical Use and Dependency

The Bigfork School District recognizes that student use of mood altering chemicals and chemical dependency impairs a student's personal, social and academic development and negatively affects family relationships. In order to establish a safe and healthy academic environment, the District is committed to the development of a substance abuse prevention program that emphasizes prevention, intervention, aftercare support and disciplinary consequences. The District will work with the community to positively address the problem and will be responsible for the development of this program within existing legal, financial and policy restraints.

The Bigfork School District prohibits the use, possession, being under the influence, and distribution or attempted distribution of drugs, or substances implied to be drugs, or alcohol on any school district property or any school district sanctioned/sponsored activity including district authorized transportation. The non-medical use, possession or distribution of over the counter or prescription drugs on school property or at school sanctioned/sponsored activities is also prohibited. Non-medical is defined as a purpose other than the prevention, treatment, or care of an illness or disabling condition. The possession or distribution of drug paraphernalia of any type is also prohibited.

Students attending school in the District who are in violation of the provisions of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary actions in accordance with the provisions of school rules and/or regulations including, but not limited to, reprimand, suspension and expulsion.

Students in violation of the provisions of this policy shall be subject to removal from school property and shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with the law.

For purposes of this policy, "drugs" shall include, but not be limited to:

- All dangerous controlled substances prohibited by law.
- All alcoholic beverages.
- Any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy.
- Hallucinogenic substances.
- Inhalants, in any form.
- Any "look alike" drug or substance implied to be a drug.

#### Policy History:

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