

## Alcohol/Tobacco/Drugs/Substance Abuse by Students

The possession, distribution or use of alcoholic tobacco (defined to include electronic cigarettes), drugs the user does not have a lawful prescription, or substances used in such a manner as to be dangerous to the student in building, on school grounds, at any school function, or while on a school-sponsored trip is prohibited. Students are prohibited from being in any school building, on school grounds, or at any school function while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or substances or following the immediate prior use of alcohol or substances. This policy shall apply to all students regardless of whether or not they are of legal age.

Any student suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other substance or whose immediate presence in a classroom, school building, school grounds, or school function is suspected may be removed for further investigation. NWBOCES administration and Treatment Center will develop procedures for such incidents.

The reference herein to "other substance" is intended to prohibit the use, possession or distribution, including sniffing, huffing, inhaling, consuming, absorbing or otherwise ingesting a substance for the purpose of generating a high or rush, or for altering the mental processing or impairing the consumer's motor skills, or for use contrary to the lawful and intended use of the substance. Such substances include, but are not limited to, paint, Dust-off, petroleum products, "spice", "K-2", "Black Puff", "Sugar Sticks", herbal incense, Salvia Divinorum, Salvia or any other substance, whether organic or non-organic. All substances are utilized in such a manner as to create a high

or otherwise alter the mental processing or impair the judgment or motor skills or in such a way as to be contrary to the intended use or purpose.

To help students who are identified as having a problem with tobacco/alcohol/drugs/substances, NWBOCES and community resources will be available to work toward overcoming this illegal use of alcohol, drugs or other substances. Students may self-refer or be referred to such NWBOCES and community resource providers.

NWBOCES will develop programs to educate students about awareness and understanding of the dangers inherent in the use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco, controlled drugs, or other substances.

NWBOCES will provide services that will make it possible for students to seek and obtain services for alcohol, tobacco, or substance related problems or will provide services as appropriate.

Any student who violates Policy #8010-8010a will be subject to disciplinary action which may include removal from the program.

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