

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

The Gilford School Board recognizes that substance abuse has a serious negative impact on our society that extends beyond the individual. The Board also recognizes the responsibility of the Gilford School District to commit to a drug-free school environment. It is necessary to maintain a strong educational program, to establish firm guidelines for the protection of the school population from exposure to substance abuse/abusers while ensuring the rights of all.

The Gilford School Board reaffirms its commitment to work cooperatively with students, parents, the police, social agencies, and the community in general, to address this issue as it affects individual students and the total school population.

### **PROCEDURES:**

It is the responsibility of each staff member to report immediately any suspicion of drug or alcohol use, possession and/or sale, to a building administrator who will take appropriate action, including but not necessarily limited to:

- appropriate medical attention;
- notification of the parent;
- notification of the policy;
- any other action deemed necessary

### **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION:**

Any student selling drugs will:

- be immediately suspended from school. The student's parents and the Gilford Police Department will be notified;
- be referred to the school board for long term suspension or expulsion;
- be required to show proof of appropriate counseling approved by the school administration before re-admittance is considered

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Any student found to be under the influence of drugs/alcohol, transporting such substances, or found in the possession of drugs or alcohol within the jurisdiction of the school district shall:

- On the first offense, be suspended from school by the Principal for up to 10 days and be involved in appropriate counseling activities, approved by the administration, prior to remittance. The student's parents and the Gilford Police Department will be notified.\*
- On a second offense, be suspended from school by the Superintendent for up to 19 days and be involved in appropriate counseling activities approved by the administration before re-admittance. The student's parents and the Gilford Police Department will be notified\*
- On a third offense, the student will be recommended to the Superintendent of Schools by the administration for suspension from school for the remainder of the school year. The student's parents and the Gilford Police Department will be notified\*

The above penalties for violation of these policies shall be cumulative throughout the school career of the individual student.

\* If an educationally handicapped pupil is suspended for ten or more days, this is considered a change of placement. Therefore, the pupil's case manager must be notified and a team meeting conducted prior to the change of placement.

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