

ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES
(SCHOOL PERSONNEL)

The Board of Education, recognizing that students are often influenced by teachers and other members of a school's staff, impresses upon staff members the importance of maintaining a high level of professionalism appropriate to their position, which, in turn, shall set a positive example for students.

The Board, therefore, prohibits the consumption, sharing and/or selling, use and/or possession of illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs or alcoholic beverages in the workplace, or when the effects of such drugs may impair an employee's job performance. The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be prohibited.

Information about any drug and alcohol counseling and/or rehabilitation programs shall be made available to employees. Data will also include the range of penalties (consistent with local, state and federal law), up to and including termination of employment and referral for prosecution that will be imposed on employees who have transgressed the terms of this policy.

Additionally, confidentiality shall be insured as required by state and federal law.

Education Law Sections §913,
§1711(5)(e), and §3020-a
Civil Service Law Section 75

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