

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE POLICY

The Broadalbin-Perth Central School District believes in utilizing prevention and rehabilitation techniques in dealing with the problem of usage of controlled substances and alcohol. Further, the district recognizes that in enforcing a policy regarding the possession, use, distribution and/or selling of controlled substances and alcohol, penalties must be assessed to violations. Full cooperation will be extended by the district to legal authorities.

Illegal possession, use, distribution and/or selling of any controlled substance or alcohol while on school premises, during school-sponsored events, or while under school supervision is forbidden.

Penalties for Violations by Students:

- I. Illegal possession or use of a controlled substance or alcohol while on school premises, during school-sponsored events, or while under school supervision
 - A. Any student found in possession of a controlled substance or alcohol, paraphernalia with a controlled substance residue, or under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol shall be suspended from school for an initial period of five days. At the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, a suspension may be extended following the initial five-day suspension. Parents will be notified at the time of the incident as well as appropriate law enforcement agencies. Policy 7.2.2 outlines due process protection afforded students. Parents and the student will be informed of community agencies where counseling help may be secured for the individual.
 - B. Upon the second incident, the student will be referred to the Superintendent of Schools or the hearing officer of the Board of Education, after which a long-term suspension may be assessed and assigned. Parents will be notified at the time of the incident as well as appropriate law enforcement agencies. Policy 7.2.2 outlines due process protection afforded students.
- II. Distributing or selling of a controlled substance or alcohol while on school premises, during school-sponsored events, or while under school supervision
 - A. Any student found distributing or selling a controlled substance or alcohol shall be suspended from school for an initial period of five days. At the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, a suspension may be extended

following the initial five-day suspension. Parents will be notified at the time of the incident as well as appropriate law enforcement agencies. Policy 7.2.2 outlines due process protection afforded students.

III. Long Term Suspensions

- A. In a suspension of longer than five days, alternative instruction must be provided if the student is sixteen years of age or younger.

IV. Guidelines for Students' Self Referral

- A. If a student refers himself/herself for counseling for rehabilitation of an abuse problem, school authorities will cooperate fully. Parents must be notified of the intent to begin counseling and permission must be obtained before such a program begins.

V. Suspicion of Abuse of a Controlled Substance or Alcohol

- A. The principal shall verbally notify the parents if there are reasonable grounds for suspicion of abuse by a student. The initial contact shall not be documented in writing, but alternative action suggestions should be provided to the parents.
- B. The principal, or principal's designee, shall have the authority to search any personal possessions of the student (including a vehicle on school property) if there are reasonable grounds for suspicion of abuse by a student.

Penalties for Violations By Employees

I. Illegal Possession or Use of a Controlled Substance or Alcohol

- A. Any employee found in possession of a controlled substance or alcohol, paraphernalia with a controlled substance residue or under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol while on school premises, during school-sponsored events, and/or in the performance of his/her duties shall be subject to disciplinary procedure in accordance with current contractual agreements and applicable law.

II. Distributing or Selling Controlled Substances or Alcohol

- A. Reasonable grounds for suspicion of distributing or selling controlled substances or alcohol while on school premises, during school-sponsored events, and/or in the performance of his/her duties will be referred to the Superintendent of Schools for investigation. Appropriate law enforcement agencies will be notified if investigation warrants. An employee convicted of distributing or selling controlled substances or alcohol while on school premises, during school-sponsored events, and/or in the performance of his/her duties will be subject to disciplinary procedures in accordance with current contractual agreements and applicable law.