

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**

The Board of Education of the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District is committed to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use/abuse. This policy describes the philosophy of the District and the program elements the District will use to promote healthy life styles for its students and staff and to inhibit the use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances.

No person may use, possess, sell or distribute alcohol or other substances, nor may use or possess drug paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored events, except drugs as prescribed by a physician. The terms "alcohol and other substances" shall be construed throughout this policy to refer to the use of all substances, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alikes, and any of those substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs", or derivatives of these drugs. The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be prohibited by students and staff alike.

Any person exhibiting behavior, conduct, or personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol or other substances will be prohibited from entering school district facilities or school sponsored events.

**Philosophy**

The District will use the following principles as guides for the development of its substance use/abuse prevention efforts and for any disciplinary measures related to alcohol and other substances:

1. The use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful.
2. Alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use/abuse is preventable and treatable.
3. Alcohol and other substance use/abuse inhibits the District from carrying out its central mission of educating students.
4. The behavior of the Board of Education, the administration, and all school staff should model the behavior asked of students.
5. While the District can and must assume a leadership role in alcohol, tobacco, and other substances use/abuse prevention, this

goal will be accomplished only through coordinated, collaborative efforts with parents, students, staff, and the community as a whole.

**Regulations, Investigation, Reporting, Training, and Posting**

- A. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop and implement regulations for reporting, investigating, and remedying violations of controlled substance abuse. In addition, training and prevention programs shall be established for students and employees to raise awareness of the issues surrounding controlled substance abuse and to help reduce incidents of controlled substance abuse.
- B. This policy shall be posted in a prominent place in each district facility and shall also be published in the student agenda books, employee handbooks, on the District website, and in other appropriate school publications.

**Cross Reference:**

Project Save Policy

**Reference:**

Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. §§3171 et seq.  
20 U.S.C. § 114-5g  
42 USC §§5101, 11841  
34 CFR Part 86  
Education Law §§ 804; 912-a; 3214  
General Municipal Law § 19.07 ©  
Penal Law §§ 220.00 et seq.  
Public Health Law, Article 33  
8 NYCRR §§100.2.c; 135.3  
New Jersey v. TLO, 469 U.S. 325 (1985)  
Odenheim v. Carlstadt-East Rutherford Region School District, 211 N.J. Super.54, 510 AD2d 709 (1985)  
People v. Scott D., 34 NY2d 483 (1974)  
Matter of Wilson, 28 EDR 254 (1988)  
Matter of Pollnow, 22 EDR 547 (1983)  
Matter of Vetter, 20 EDR 547 (1981)  
Matter of Rodriguez, 8 EDR 214 (1969)

Note: [The regulations of the Commissioner of Education require all Boards of Education to provide health instruction at specific grade levels including instruction concerning misuse of drugs and alcohol.