

1 Joint School District No. 2, Meridian
2 Meridian Technical Charter High School, Inc. has adopted West Ada's (Joint School District No. 2) policy.
3 STUDENT PERSONNEL

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5 Series 500

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7 Policy Title: Alcohol, Drug, & Tobacco Policy

Code No. 502.50

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10 PHILOSOPHY:

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12 The board of trustees recognizes that student use of chemical substances is a
13 serious problem of utmost concern in our society. Drug, alcohol, and tobacco
14 use is detrimental to a state of well-being and undermines the aim of education,
15 which is to enable individuals to develop to their full potential. The district seeks
16 to ensure the highest standards of learning in the classroom and recognizes that
17 use of chemical substances—including alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances
18 and other substances as defined in the policy—creates educational, economic
19 and legal problems.

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21 We support prevention, early intervention, and appropriate referral. Our intent is
22 to identify and document any behavior/appearance that would be considered
23 problematic to the student. We will be involved in disciplinary action when
24 needed.

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26 DEFINITIONS:

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28 A. Use: Whenever a student has consumed, taken, or is under the influence of
29 alcohol, drugs, or tobacco on or near district property (see definition), or is
30 displaying behavior that creates a reasonable suspicion that he or she may
31 be illegally under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco use any time
32 during school hours or at a school sponsored activity.
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34 B. Possession/securing or attempting to secure or purchase alcohol, drugs or
35 tobacco: To have alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, drug paraphernalia, on your
36 person or within an area of your control including but not limited to car, locker,
37 books, and clothes on or near district property at any time or at a school
38 sponsored activity, or during participation in a dual enrolled program as
39 defined in this policy.
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41 C. Distribution/sale: To distribute or intend to distribute/sell alcohol, drugs, or
42 tobacco or controlled substances, or any substance available with or without
43 a prescription, that can be used in a manner detrimental to one's health and
44 in excess of recommended dosage to other students or persons on or near
45 district property during school hours or at a school sponsored event, including
46 dual-enrolled programs as defined in the policy. It shall be presumed that a
47 student in possession of these substances in amounts in excess of that for
48 personal one-time use, or such amount of a controlled substance in
49 conjunction with possession of any drug paraphernalia including but not
50 limited to scales, pipes, and/or plastic bags has the intent to sell or deliver
51 such controlled substance (See Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy).

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- 53 D. Knowingly Present: Shall mean that a student was present or in attendance
- 54 at a gathering of students during which one or more attendees (other than the
- 55 student at issue) were involved in alcohol, drug, and/or tobacco
- 56 use/possession/distribution as defined in the definition and the student knew
- 57 or reasonably should have known that such drug use was occurring.
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- 59 E. Controlled Substance: Include, but are not limited to, opiates, opium
- 60 derivatives, hallucinogenic substances, including cocaine, spice, cannabis
- 61 and synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant, any
- 62 material, compound, mixture or preparation with substances having a
- 63 depressant effect on the central nervous system, and stimulants.
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- 65 F. Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco: Includes any alcohol or malt beverage, any
- 66 tobacco product, any controlled substance, any illegal substance, any abused
- 67 substance, any substance which is intended to alter mood, and any
- 68 medication not prescribed by a physician for the student in possession of the
- 69 medication. Also included are substances that can be obtained without a
- 70 prescription that, when used improperly or outside the recommended
- 71 guidelines, can be detrimental to one's health. This may include, but is not
- 72 limited to inhalants, over-the-counter cold medication, e-cigarettes and other
- 73 nicotine delivery devices, or performance enhancing substances. Junior and
- 74 Senior students (only) may carry and self administer one day's dose of over-
- 75 the-counter (OTC) medication for routine medical conditions with written
- 76 parental consent. Medication must be in original packaging or container.
- 77 The required OTC medication form and procedure are available at the
- 78 nurse's office or on-line. Students who fail to adhere to this procedure may
- 79 be in violation of district drug policy.
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- 81 G. Student Assistance Team: A team whose purpose is to intervene with
- 82 students who are having behavioral/substance abuse problems. The team is
- 83 comprised of the administrators, counselors, and the school nurse. Optional
- 84 members may include teachers, school psychologist, and the School
- 85 Resource Officer.
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- 87 H. Intervention: The process by which designated members of the Student
- 88 Assistance Team share information and concerns about a student with
- 89 his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) and make recommendations for assistance.
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- 91 I. Activities: Any school-sponsored event that takes place outside of the regular
- 92 school day such as a school dance and/or an activity through which a school
- 93 letter may be earned, i.e. all sports, band, choir, dance team, debate, drama,
- 94 school clubs, sports, etc. Students who come under the disciplinary
- 95 procedures for alcohol, drugs or tobacco are limited in practice time or
- 96 participation in school activities outside of the regular class day according to
- 97 grade level, category and number of offenses. If the event to be missed is
- 98 counted as part of the academic grade, (band, choir, debate) the student will
- 99 be given an alternative activity to earn the grade.
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- 101 J. Under the influence: Any student judged to be under the influence of alcohol
- 102 or other controlled substance (as defined above) will be subject to an

103 evaluation by a trained intervention counselor, the school nurse, administrator
104 or designee. Upon completion of the school's evaluation, the building
105 designee may choose to initiate procedures to seek evaluation by a Drug
106 Recognition Expert or other law enforcement personnel. The law
107 enforcement evaluation may result in the transfer of school custodial
108 responsibility to that of law enforcement in accordance with Section 20-516,
109 Idaho Code. Any student judged to be under the influence, regardless of any
110 previous voluntary disclosure, will be deemed to be in violation of Section 37-
111 2732, Idaho Code.

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113 K. Voluntary Disclosure: A student who voluntarily discloses use of alcohol,
114 drugs, or tobacco and/or other controlled substances (as defined above)
115 during group or individual counseling sessions at the school or in school
116 associated programs will not be subject to administrative or law enforcement
117 procedures unless the student is in violation of school policy at the time of the
118 disclosure.

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120 L. Assessment: The process which includes an objective assessment tool which
121 gathers data relevant to major life areas to determine if a substance abuse
122 problem exists and to what extent. Assessments are given by professional,
123 certified evaluators who are independent of Joint School District No. 2 and
124 are free of charge to students who are in violation of policy 502.50 and are
125 enrolled in the district.

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127 M. Counseling Services: In an effort to maintain communication and to abide by
128 section 33-210, Idaho Code, group facilitators who receive disclosure of
129 continued student substance use will be obligated to notify parents/guardians.
130 This sharing of information with parents serves to include parents in the drug
131 and alcohol group counseling process. The student must complete a drug
132 and alcohol assessment prior to inclusion in drug and alcohol group services.
133 The assessment defines levels of use and should be considered the baseline
134 requirement for an appropriate recovery plan. Students and/or
135 parents/guardians wishing to schedule an assessment are encouraged to
136 contact their building counselor or drug prevention specialist.

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138 N. District property/dual-enrolled programs: Includes all buildings, facilities, and
139 property owned or leased by, Joint School District No. 2. This also includes
140 school buses, other school vehicles, and the location of any school
141 sponsored activity or function including dual-enrollment settings, that include
142 but are not limited to: Renaissance High School, Meridian Professional
143 Technical Center, Meridian Night School, Treasure Valley Math and Science,
144 and the Dehryl Dennis Center.

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147 ALCOHOL, DRUG, & TOBACCO

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149 KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE

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151 A. **USE OR POSSESSION: FIRST OFFENSE** while in attendance at the
152 elementary level:
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154 Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the
155 violation. Parents will be notified and asked to make arrangements to have the
156 student sent home for the remainder of the day. If unable to go home, student
157 will be placed in detention for the remainder of the day. The student will then
158 receive in-school suspension for the following three (3) days. During those three
159 days, the student will be required to do an assignment on alcohol, drugs and
160 tobacco either audio/visual or written (to be determined by the principal or
161 counselor). The written assignment will be on the effects of alcohol, drugs, and
162 tobacco on a child's life. The assignment should include physical and emotional
163 effects.

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165 Students will also be required to talk with the School Resource Officer.
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167 The principal, counselor, and/or building team will schedule a parent conference
168 within a week of the offense to assess an appropriate plan and follow-up for the
169 student. If deemed necessary, the student will be referred to a drug and alcohol
170 assessment provided by a State approved alcohol/drug agency in the community
171 and conducted by a certified alcoholism/drug abuse counselor, at the family's
172 expense, and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to
173 the school district is required.

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175 **B. USE OR POSSESSION: SECOND OFFENSE** while in attendance at the
176 elementary level:

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178 Parents or guardians and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon
179 verification of the violation. Student will be suspended from school for five school
180 days. Suspension may be reduced to three (3) school days if student and
181 parents agree to a drug and alcohol assessment provided by a state approved
182 alcohol/drug agency in the community and conducted by a certified
183 alcoholism/drug abuse counselor, at the family's expense, and follow the
184 recommendations thereof. A release of information to the school district is
185 required.

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187 Upon return to school, the student will be required to:

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- 189 i. Attend small group and/or individual counseling to be assigned by school
190 counselor.
 - 191 ii. Perform five hours of service work for teachers, principal, or building
192 maintenance to be assigned and monitored by building administrator or
193 designee. Conference once a week with mentor assigned by building
194 administrator or designee for at least one semester following offense.

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196 **C. USE OR POSSESSION: THIRD OFFENSE** or additional offenses while in
197 attendance at elementary level:

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199 Parents or guardians and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon
200 verification of the violation. Student will be considered for expulsion from school
201 for the remainder of semester with a minimum expulsion of two (2) weeks (in
202 compliance with Idaho Code 33-205). Upon return to school, the student must: 1)
203 attend small group and/or individual counseling with school counselor or
204 psychologist for at least six (6) months following offense; 2) keep weekly

205 appointments with mentor assigned by principal or building team for a minimum
 206 of six (6) months following offense; 3) present proof that a drug and alcohol
 207 assessment provided by the State approved alcohol/drug agency in the
 208 community has been completed and that the recommendations of the certified
 209 drug abuse/alcoholism counselor have been followed, at the family's expense.
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211 D. **DISTRIBUTION/SALE:** Any student found to be distributing and/or selling
 212 alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and/or other controlled substances (as defined
 213 above) may be referred to the District Attendance and Discipline Committee
 214 for consideration of expulsion. Law enforcement will be notified immediately
 215 (see Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy).
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217 **ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO PROCEDURES**

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 219 SIXTH - TWELFTH GRADE

220 **USE OR POSSESSION – FIRST OFFENSE**

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 222 Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the
 223 violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an
 224 interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials. The
 225 student will be considered for expulsion for the remainder of the semester, or if a
 226 minimum of twenty (20) school days remain in the present semester, the
 227 student may be considered for expulsion for the next semester, OR the student
 228 and the parent/guardian may complete the following requirements within 60 days
 229 of the offense.
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 232 FIRST OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (USE/POSSESSION)

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 234 A. The student will receive suspension for the next five (5) school days.
 235 B. From the date of school notification, the student will be ineligible for
 236 participation in all school activities for a period of twenty-one (21) days. After
 237 the first seven (7) days, the student will be allowed to attend practices, but
 238 not participate in the activity itself.
 239 C. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a
 240 certified alcoholism/drug abuse counselor made available during school
 241 hours and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to
 242 the school district is required.
 243 D. The student and parent(s) will attend three (3) consecutive Parent Information
 244 classes.
 245 E. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class.
 246 F. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.
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248 FIRST OFFENSE: TOBACCO (USE/POSSESSION)

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 250 A. The student will be suspended for five (5) school days.
 251 B. The student will be ineligible for participation in all school activities for a
 252 period of twenty-one (21) days. After the first seven (7) days, the student will
 253 be allowed to attend practices, but not participate in the activity itself.

- 254 C. The student will be required to attend a Tobacco Education class during four
255 (4) consecutive after-school or evening sessions. Parent/guardian is required
256 to attend the first class.
257 D. Student must also comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.
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259 **DISTRIBUTION OR SALE – FIRST OFFENSE**

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261 Any student found to be distributing or selling, or intending to distribute or sell,
262 alcohol or other controlled substance (as defined above) will be suspended for 5
263 school days pending consideration for expulsion for one semester by the District
264 Attendance and Discipline Committee. Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted
265 immediately upon verification of the violation. The principal or his/her designee
266 will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a minor student
267 by law enforcement officials (see Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy). Note: If
268 student is not recommended for expulsion, the student will still be ineligible for
269 participation in all school activities for a period of twenty-one (21) days. After the
270 first seven (7) days, the student will be allowed to attend practices, but not
271 participate in the activity itself. Upon return, all of the following requirements must
272 be completed within 60 days:
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274 FIRST OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)

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- 276 A. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a
277 certified alcoholism/drug abuse counselor made available during school
278 hours and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to
279 the school district is required.
280 B. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will attend three (3) consecutive
281 Parent Information classes
282 C. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class.
283 D. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.
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285 FIRST OFFENSE: TOBACCO (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)

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287 Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the
288 violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an
289 interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials. The
290 student will receive in-school suspension for the remainder of the school day.
291 The student will be considered for expulsion for one semester or may complete
292 the following requirements:
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294 Suspension for five (5) school days.

295 The student will be ineligible for participation in all school activities for a period of
296 twenty-one (21) days. After the first seven (7) days, the student will be allowed
297 to attend practices, but not participate in the activity itself.

298 The student will be required to attend a Tobacco Education class during four (4)
299 consecutive after-school or evening sessions. Parent is required to attend the
300 first class.

- 301 d. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.
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303 **USE OR POSSESSION - SECOND OFFENSE**

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305 Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the
 306 violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an
 307 interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials. The
 308 student will be suspended for five (5) school days pending consideration for
 309 expulsion from school for two (2) semesters. Upon return, the student must
 310 complete all of the following requirements within 60 days:

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312 **SECOND OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (USE/POSSESSION)**

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- 314 A. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a
 315 certified alcoholism/drug abuse counselor made available during school
 316 hours and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to
 317 the school district is required.
- 318 B. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will attend three (3) consecutive
 319 Parent Information classes.
- 320 C. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class.
- 321 D. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.

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323 **SECOND OFFENSE: TOBACCO (USE/POSSESSION):**

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325 Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the
 326 violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an
 327 interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials. The
 328 student will receive in-school suspension for the remainder of the school day and
 329 will be considered for expulsion for one semester unless all of the following
 330 requirements are completed within 60 days:

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- 332 A. Suspension for five (5) school days.
- 333 B. The student will be ineligible for participation in all school activities for a
 334 period of twenty-one (21) days. After the first seven (7) days, the student will
 335 be allowed to attend practices, but not participate in the activity.
- 336 C. If appropriate, attend four (4) Tobacco Education classes, of which the
 337 parent(s)/guardian(s) must attend the first class.
- 338 D. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a
 339 certified alcoholism/drug abuse counselor made available during school
 340 hours and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to
 341 the school district is required.
- 342 E. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will attend three (3) consecutive
 343 Parent Information classes.
- 344 F. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class or
 345 appropriate counseling education group.
- 346 G. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.

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348 **DISTRIBUTION OR SALE – SECOND OFFENSE**

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350 **SECOND OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)**

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352 Any student found to be distributing or selling, or intending to distribute or sell,
 353 alcohol or other controlled substance (as defined above) will be suspended for 5
 354 school days pending consideration for expulsion for two semesters by the District
 355 Attendance and Discipline Committee. Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted

356 immediately upon verification of the violation. The principal or his/her designee
 357 will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a minor student
 358 by law enforcement officials (see Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy). Upon return,
 359 all of the following requirements must be completed within 60 days:

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361 A. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a
 362 certified alcoholism/drug abuse counselor made available during school
 363 hours and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to
 364 the school district is required.

365 B. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will attend three (3) consecutive
 366 Parent Information classes

367 C. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class.

368 D. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.

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371 **SECOND OFFENSE: TOBACCO (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)**

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373 Any student found to be distributing or selling, or intending to distribute or sell,
 374 tobacco will be suspended for five (5) days pending consideration for expulsion
 375 for one semester by the District Attendance and Discipline Committee. Law
 376 enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the
 377 violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an
 378 interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials (see
 379 Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy). Upon return, all of the following requirements
 380 must be completed within 60 days:

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382 A. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a
 383 certified alcoholism/drug abuse counselor made available during school
 384 hours and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to
 385 the school district is required

386 B. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will attend three (3) consecutive
 387 Parent Information classes.

388 C. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class.

389 D. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.

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391 **ALCOHOL/DRUG USE OR POSSESSION – SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE**

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393 Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the
 394 violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an
 395 interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials. The
 396 student will be suspended for five (5) days pending consideration for expulsion
 397 for two semesters and, upon return, must comply with a Drug Prevention
 398 Behavior Contract.

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400 **TOBACCO USE OR POSSESSION – SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE**

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402 Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the
 403 violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an
 404 interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials. The
 405 student will be suspended for five (5) days pending consideration for expulsion

406 for two semesters and, upon return, must comply with a Drug Prevention
407 Behavior Contract.

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ALCOHOL/DRUG DISTRIBUTION OR SALE: SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE

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TOBACCO DISTRIBUTION OR SALE: SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES ALCOHOL, DRUG, AND TOBACCO POLICY

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SIXTH - TWELFTH GRADE

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DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

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The use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcohol, drugs, tobacco or other

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A. FIRST OFFENSE:

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From the date of school notification, the student will be ineligible for participation in all extracurricular activities, for a period of twenty-one (21) days. After the first seven (7) days the student will be allowed to practice, but not participate in the activity itself. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to complete the following:

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- i. The student receives a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a certified alcoholism/drug abuse counselor made available during school hours and follow the recommendations thereof.
- ii. The student attends an eight (8) week Insight class.
- iii. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) attend three (3) consecutive Parent Information classes.

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Failure to complete the conditions within sixty (60) days will result in an additional twenty-one (21) days without practice or participation.

B. SECOND OFFENSE during the current school year:

The student will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year.

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06/21/11; 04/10/12

Legal Reference:
Section 37-2732,
Idaho Code; Section 20-516,
Idaho Code; Section 33-20