

JFCI. DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE BY STUDENTS

The sale, possession, use, or handling of intoxicating beverages, narcotics, or dangerous drugs is expressly forbidden on school premises at any time. In addition, students arriving to school or school sponsored activities under the influence of intoxicating beverages, narcotics, or dangerous drugs will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined below:

A dangerous drug is defined as: Any drug obtainable with or without a prescription that has been used in a manner dangerous to the health of the user. This includes, but is not limited to, alcohol, marijuana, codeine, heroin, methamphetamine, or other stimulants, depressants, and hallucinogens.

DISTRIBUTING

Students who sell, barter, or aid in the selling or distribution of alcohol, other dangerous drugs, or look-alike drugs to other students or persons on or near district property before, during, or after school (including school activities) will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined below.

First Offense:

1. Notify student's parents/guardians.
2. Student will be suspended immediately and possible expulsion hearing date established.
3. Local law enforcement agencies will be notified and appropriate action will be taken.
4. For a student to be readmitted into the district educational programs, a chemical abuse evaluation by an approved third party may be required at parents/guardians expense. The student and parents/guardians must agree to fulfill the recommendation of the evaluator and submit necessary progress reports to the principal and intervention specialist (if available). If the recommendation is completed to the principal's satisfaction, an expulsion recommendation can be reduced to a term less than the end of the semester, but not less than three weeks, based upon the student's circumstances for grades 9-12. For grades K-8, the principal may reduce the expulsion term to a period not less than one week.
5. If the student or parents/guardians refuses to permit the evaluation and/or recommended treatment, a recommendation for expulsion up to the full extent of the law shall be implemented for grades 9-12. For grades K-8 the recommended length of expulsion is not to be less than three (3) weeks.
6. Recommendations regarding appropriate classes or groups and the term of required attendance will be made by the principal and/or the intervention specialist. Failure to comply with the terms of these recommendations will result in an immediate suspension and initiation of expulsion proceedings.

Second Offense and/or Subsequent Offenses:

The second and/or subsequent offenses of selling, bartering, or aiding in the selling or distribution of alcohol and/or other dangerous drugs within thirty-six (36) months of a first offense will result in recommendation for expulsion to the maximum extent of the law. Upon re-admittance to school, re-admittance requirements stated above will apply.

USE AND POSSESSION

Students who use, possess, or are under the influence of alcohol or other dangerous drugs on or near district property before, during, or after school hours or at any school-sponsored activity are subject to immediate suspension and/or expulsion up to three (3) weeks. The student is also subject to additional programs and obligations.

Bethel School District #52
Administrative Rule

First Offense:

School Administration shall do the following:

1. Notify and request an immediate conference with the parents/guardians of the student. Law enforcement personnel will be notified.
2. Suspend the student for the violation of the district rules for up to ten (10) school days, with the possibility of an expulsion hearing. The term of the suspension may be reduced to 3 days if a chemical abuse evaluation is performed at parent expense.
3. The student and parents/guardians must agree to fulfill the recommendation of the evaluator and submit necessary reports to the principal.
4. If the student or parents/guardians refuse to permit the evaluation and/or treatment as recommended, the full term of the suspension will be applied.

Second Offense:

1. Suspend the student for the violation of the district rules for up to ten (10) school days with the possibility of an expulsion hearing. If an assessment is scheduled with an intervention specialist, the suspension may, at the Principal's discretion, be reduced to a minimum of five (5) days. Failure to attend the assessment with an intervention specialist will result in the student completing a ten (10) -day suspension from school, or the term of expulsion.
2. Law enforcement personnel will be notified.

Third Offense and/or Subsequent Offense:

The third and/or subsequent offense for the use or possession of drugs or alcohol within 36 months of the first offense will result in the recommendation for an expulsion, the duration equivalent to at least one semester, to be determined by the administration and hearings officer.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Regular district policies and administrative rules will be followed.

SELF-REFERRAL

Students are encouraged to make contact with school personnel, counselor, or administrator for assistance with a chemical dependency problem. Disciplinary action will not be taken for any student who seeks assistance from school personnel prior to being cited by police, or discovered by school personnel, and has not previously committed a drug or alcohol offense. The recommended course of action will be as follows:

1. School personnel will make contact with an intervention specialist, with student's permission.
2. Intervention specialist will make contact with student.
3. Specialist will contact parents/guardians, with student's permission and provide assistance with available community services.