West Ada School District

STUDENT PERSONNEL

Series 500

Policy Title: Alcohol, Drug, & Tobacco Policy

Policy No. 502.50

PHILOSOPHY:

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

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

DEFINITIONS:

A. Use: Whenever a student has consumed, taken, or is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco on or near district property (see definition), or is displaying behavior that creates a reasonable suspicion that he or she may be illegally under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco/nicotine use any time during school hours or at a school sponsored activity.

B. Possession/securing or attempting to secure or purchase alcohol, drugs, or tobacco/nicotine: To have alcohol, drugs, or tobacco/nicotine, drug paraphernalia, on your person or within an area of your control including but not limited to car, locker, books, and clothes on or near district property at any time or at a school sponsored activity, or during participation in a dual enrolled program as defined in this policy.

C. Distribution/sale: To distribute or intend to distribute/sell alcohol, drugs, or tobacco/nicotine or controlled substances, or any substance available with or without a prescription, that can be used in a manner detrimental to one’s health and in excess of recommended dosage to other students or persons on or near district property during school hours or at a school sponsored event, including dual-enrolled programs as defined in the policy. It shall be presumed that a student in possession of these substances in amounts in excess of that for personal one-time use, or such amount of a controlled substance in conjunction with possession of any drug paraphernalia including but not limited to scales, pipes, and/or plastic bags has the intent to sell or deliver such controlled substance (See Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy).

D. Knowingly Present: Shall mean that a student was present or in attendance at a gathering of students during which one or more attendees (other than the student at issue) were involved in alcohol, drug, and/or tobacco/nicotine use/possession/distribution as defined in the
definition and the student knew or reasonably should have known that such drug use was occurring.

E. Controlled Substance: Include, but are not limited to, opiates, opium derivatives, hallucinogenic substances, including cocaine, spice, cannabis and synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant, any material, compound, mixture or preparation with substances having a depressant effect on the central nervous system, and stimulants.

F. Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco: Includes any alcohol or malt beverage, any tobacco product, any controlled substance, any illegal substance, any abused substance, any substance which is intended to alter mood, and any medication not prescribed by a physician for the student in possession of the medication. Also included are substances that can be obtained without a prescription that, when used improperly or outside the recommended guidelines, can be detrimental to one’s health. This may include, but is not limited to inhalants, over-the-counter cold medication, e-cigarettes and other nicotine delivery devices, or performance enhancing substances. Junior and Senior students (only) may carry and self-administer one day’s dose of over-the-counter (OTC) medication for routine medical conditions with written parental consent. Medication must be in original packaging or container. The required OTC medication form and procedure are available at the nurse’s office or on-line. Students who fail to adhere to this procedure may be in violation of district drug policy.

G. Student Assistance Team: A team whose purpose is to intervene with students who are having behavioral/substance abuse problems. The team is comprised of the administrators, counselors, and the school nurse. Optional members may include teachers, school psychologist, and the School Resource Officer.

H. Intervention: The process by which designated members of the Student Assistance Team share information and concerns about a student with his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) and make recommendations for assistance.

I. Activities: Any school-sponsored event that takes place outside of the regular school day such as a school dance and/or an activity through which a school letter may be earned, i.e. all sports, band, choir, dance team, debate, drama, school clubs, sports, etc. Students who come under the disciplinary procedures for alcohol, drugs, or tobacco/nicotine are limited in practice time or participation in school activities outside of the regular class day according to grade level, category and number of offenses. If the event to be missed is counted as part of the academic grade, (band, choir, and debate) the student will be given an alternative activity to earn the grade.

J. Under the influence: Any student judged to be under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substance (as defined above) will be subject to an evaluation by a trained intervention counselor, the school nurse, administrator or designee. Upon completion of the school’s evaluation, the building designee may choose to initiate procedures to seek evaluation by a Drug Recognition Expert or other law enforcement personnel. The law enforcement evaluation may result in the transfer of school custodial responsibility to that of law enforcement in accordance with Section 20-516, Idaho Code. Any student judged to be under the influence, regardless of any previous voluntary disclosure, will be deemed to be in violation of Section 37-2732, Idaho Code.
K. Voluntary Disclosure: A student who voluntarily discloses use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco and/or other controlled substances (as defined above) during group or individual counseling sessions at the school or in school associated programs will not be subject to administrative or law enforcement procedures unless the student is in violation of school policy at the time of the disclosure.

L. Assessment: The process which includes an objective assessment tool which gathers data relevant to major life areas to determine if a substance abuse problem exists and to what extent. Assessments are given by professional, certified evaluators who are independent of West Ada School District and are free of charge to students who are in violation of policy 502.50 and are enrolled in the district.

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

N. District property/dual-enrolled programs: Includes all buildings, facilities, and property owned or leased by, West Ada School District. This also includes school buses, other school vehicles, and the location of any school sponsored activity or function including dual-enrollment settings, that include but are not limited to: Renaissance High School, Meridian Professional Technical Center, Meridian Night School, Treasure Valley Math and Science, and the Dehryl Dennis Center.

**ALCOHOL, DRUG, & TOBACCO PROCEDURES**

**KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE**

A. **USE OR POSSESSION: FIRST OFFENSE** while in attendance at the elementary level:

Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. Parents will be notified and asked to make arrangements to have the student sent home for the remainder of the day. If unable to go home, student will be placed in detention for the remainder of the day. The student will then receive in-school suspension for the following three (3) days. During those three days, the student will be required to do an assignment on alcohol, drugs and tobacco either audio/visual or written (to be determined by the principal or counselor). The written assignment will be on the effects of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco on a child's life. The assignment should include physical and emotional effects.

Students will also be required to talk with the School Resource Officer.

The principal, counselor, and/or building team will schedule a parent conference within a week of the offense to assess an appropriate plan and follow-up for the student. If deemed necessary, the student will be referred to a drug and alcohol assessment provided by a State approved alcohol/drug agency in the community and conducted by a certified
alcoholism/drug abuse counselor, at the family’s expense, and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to the school district is required.

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

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

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

1. Attend small group and/or individual counseling to be assigned by school counselor.
2. Perform five hours of service work for teachers, principal, or building maintenance to be assigned and monitored by building administrator or designee. Conference once a week with mentor assigned by building administrator or designee for at least one semester following offense.

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

Parents or guardians and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. Student will be considered for expulsion from school for the remainder of the semester with a minimum expulsion of two (2) weeks (in compliance with Idaho Code 33- 205).

Upon return to school, the student must:
1) attend small group and/or individual counseling with school counselor or psychologist for at least six (6) months following offense; 2) keep weekly appointments with mentor assigned by principal or building team for a minimum of six (6) months following offense; 3) present proof that a drug and alcohol assessment provided by the State approved alcohol/drug agency in the community has been completed and that the recommendations of the certified drug abuse/alcoholism counselor have been followed, at the family's expense.

D. DISTRIBUTION/SALE: Any student found to be distributing and/or selling alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and/or other controlled substances (as defined above) may be referred to the District Attendance and Discipline Committee for consideration of expulsion. Law enforcement will be notified immediately (see Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy).

**ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO PROCEDURES**

**SIXTH - TWELFTH GRADE**

**USE OR POSSESSION – FIRST OFFENSE**

Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials. The student will be considered for expulsion for the remainder of the semester, or if a minimum of twenty (20) schools days remain in the present
the student may be considered for expulsion for the next semester, OR the student and the parent/guardian may complete the following requirements within 60 days of the offense.

FIRST OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (USE/POSSESSION)

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

FIRST OFFENSE: TOBACCO/NICOTINE (USE/POSSESSION)

A. The student will be suspended for five (5) school days.
B. The student will be ineligible for participation in all school activities for a period of twenty-one (21) days. After the first seven (7) days, the student will be allowed to attend practices, but not participate in the activity itself.
C. The student will be required to attend a Tobacco Education class during four (4) consecutive after-school or evening sessions. Parent/guardian is required to attend the first class.
D. Student must also comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.

DISTRIBUTION OR SALE – FIRST OFFENSE

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

FIRST OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)

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

FIRST OFFENSE: TOBACCO/NICOTINE (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)
Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials. The student will receive in-school suspension for the remainder of the school day. The student will be considered for expulsion for one semester or may complete the following requirements:

A. Suspension for five (5) school days.
B. The student will be ineligible for participation in all school activities for a period of twenty-one (21) days. After the first seven (7) days, the student will be allowed to attend practices, but not participate in the activity itself.
C. The student will be required to attend a Tobacco Education class during four (4) consecutive after-school or evening sessions. Parent is required to attend the first class.
D. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.

**USE OR POSSESSION - SECOND OFFENSE**

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

SECOND OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (USE/POSSESSION)

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

SECOND OFFENSE: TOBACCO/NICOTINE (USE/POSSESSION):

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

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

DISTRIBUTION OR SALE – SECOND OFFENSE

SECOND OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)

Any student found to be distributing or selling, or intending to distribute or sell, alcohol or other controlled substance (as defined above) will be suspended for 5 school days pending consideration for expulsion for two semesters by the District Attendance and Discipline Committee. Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials (see Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy). Upon return, all of the following requirements must be completed within 60 days:

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

SECOND OFFENSE: TOBACCO/NICOTINE (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)

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

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

ALCOHOL/DRUG USE OR POSSESSION – SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE

Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials. The student will be suspended for five (5) days pending consideration for expulsion for two semesters and, upon return, must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.
TOBACCO/NICOTINE USE OR POSSESSION – SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE

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

ALCOHOL/DRUG DISTRIBUTION OR SALE: SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE

Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials (see Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy). The student will be suspended for five (5) school days pending consideration for expulsion for two semesters, and, upon return, must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.

TOBACCO/NICOTINE DISTRIBUTION OR SALE: SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE

Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a minor student by law enforcement officials (see Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy). Student will be suspended for five (5) days pending consideration for expulsion for two semesters, and, upon return, must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES ALCOHOL, DRUG, AND TOBACCO POLICY SIXTH - TWELFTH GRADE

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

The use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcohol, drugs, tobacco or other controlled substances any time during all extracurricular activities seasons (from the first to the last day that a team meets with its coach or advisor) is forbidden. If a student is documented or cited by law enforcement for use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, drugs, tobacco/nicotine or other controlled substances during his/her activity season, the following will occur:

A. FIRST OFFENSE:

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:

1. 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.
2. The student attends an eight (8) week Insight class.
3. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) attend three (3) consecutive Parent Information classes.
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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