

1 West Ada School District, Meridian

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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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9 PHILOSOPHY:

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

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

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22 DEFINITIONS:

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24 A. Use: Whenever a student has consumed, taken, or is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or
25 tobacco on or near district property (see definition), or is displaying behavior that creates a
26 reasonable suspicion that he or she may be illegally under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or
27 tobacco use any time during school hours or at a school sponsored activity.
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29 B. Possession/securing or attempting to secure or purchase alcohol, drugs or tobacco: To have
30 alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, drug paraphernalia, on your person or within an area of your
31 control including but not limited to car, locker, books, and clothes on or near district property
32 at any time or at a school sponsored activity, or during participation in a dual enrolled
33 program as defined in this policy.
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35 C. Distribution/sale: To distribute or intend to distribute/sell alcohol, drugs, or tobacco or
36 controlled substances, or any substance available with or without a prescription, that can be
37 used in a manner detrimental to one's health and in excess of recommended dosage to other
38 students or persons on or near district property during school hours or at a school sponsored
39 event, including dual-enrolled programs as defined in the policy. It shall be presumed that a
40 student in possession of these substances in amounts in excess of that for personal one-time
41 use, or such amount of a controlled substance in conjunction with possession of any drug
42 paraphernalia including but not limited to scales, pipes, and/or plastic bags has the intent to
43 sell or deliver such controlled substance (See Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy).
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45 D. Knowingly Present: Shall mean that a student was present or in attendance at a gathering of
46 students during which one or more attendees (other than the student at issue) were involved
47 in alcohol, drug, and/or tobacco use/possession/distribution as defined in the definition and
48 the student knew or reasonably should have known that such drug use was occurring.
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- 50 E. Controlled Substance: Include, but are not limited to, opiates, opium derivatives,
51 hallucinogenic substances, including cocaine, spice, cannabis and synthetic equivalents of the
52 substances contained in the plant, any material, compound, mixture or preparation with
53 substances having a depressant effect on the central nervous system, and stimulants.
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- 55 F. Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco: Includes any alcohol or malt beverage, any tobacco product, any
56 controlled substance, any illegal substance, any abused substance, any substance which is
57 intended to alter mood, and any medication not prescribed by a physician for the student in
58 possession of the medication. Also included are substances that can be obtained without a
59 prescription that, when used improperly or outside the recommended guidelines, can be
60 detrimental to one's health. This may include, but is not limited to inhalants, over-the-
61 counter cold medication, e-cigarettes and other nicotine delivery devices, or performance
62 enhancing substances. Junior and Senior students (only) may carry and self-administer one
63 day's dose of over-the-counter (OTC) medication for routine medical conditions with written
64 parental consent. Medication must be in original packaging or container. The required OTC
65 medication form and procedure are available at the nurse's office or on-line. Students who
66 fail to adhere to this procedure may be in violation of district drug policy.
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- 68 G. Student Assistance Team: A team whose purpose is to intervene with students who are
69 having behavioral/substance abuse problems. The team is comprised of the administrators,
70 counselors, and the school nurse. Optional members may include teachers, school
71 psychologist, and the School Resource Officer.
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- 73 H. Intervention: The process by which designated members of the Student Assistance Team
74 share information and concerns about a student with his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) and
75 make recommendations for assistance.
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- 77 I. Activities: Any school-sponsored event that takes place outside of the regular school day such
78 as a school dance and/or an activity through which a school letter may be earned, i.e. all
79 sports, band, choir, dance team, debate, drama, school clubs, sports, etc. Students who come
80 under the disciplinary procedures for alcohol, drugs or tobacco are limited in practice time
81 or participation in school activities outside of the regular class day according to grade level,
82 category and number of offenses. If the event to be missed is counted as part of the academic
83 grade, (band, choir, and debate) the student will be given an alternative activity to earn the
84 grade.
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- 86 J. Under the influence: Any student judged to be under the influence of alcohol or other
87 controlled substance (as defined above) will be subject to an evaluation by a trained
88 intervention counselor, the school nurse, administrator or designee. Upon completion of the
89 school's evaluation, the building designee may choose to initiate procedures to seek
90 evaluation by a Drug Recognition Expert or other law enforcement personnel. The law
91 enforcement evaluation may result in the transfer of school custodial responsibility to that of
92 law enforcement in accordance with Section 20-516, Idaho Code. Any student judged to be
93 under the influence, regardless of any previous voluntary disclosure, will be deemed to be in
94 violation of Section 37-2732, Idaho Code.
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- 96 K. Voluntary Disclosure: A student who voluntarily discloses use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco
97 and/or other controlled substances (as defined above) during group or individual counseling
98 sessions at the school or in school associated programs will not be subject to administrative

99 or law enforcement procedures unless the student is in violation of school policy at the time
100 of the disclosure.

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102 L. **Assessment:** The process which includes an objective assessment tool which gathers data
103 relevant to major life areas to determine if a substance abuse problem exists and to what
104 extent. Assessments are given by professional, certified evaluators who are independent of
105 West Ada School District and are free of charge to students who are in violation of policy
106 502.50 and are enrolled in the district.

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108 M. **Counseling Services:** In an effort to maintain communication and to abide by section 33-210,
109 Idaho Code, group facilitators who receive disclosure of continued student substance use will
110 be obligated to notify parents/guardians. This sharing of information with parents serves to
111 include parents in the drug and alcohol group counseling process. The student must
112 complete a drug and alcohol assessment prior to inclusion in drug and alcohol group services.
113 The assessment defines levels of use and should be considered the baseline requirement for
114 an appropriate recovery plan. Students and/or parents/guardians wishing to schedule an
115 assessment are encouraged to contact their building counselor or drug prevention specialist.
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117 N. **District property/dual-enrolled programs:** Includes all buildings, facilities, and property
118 owned or leased by, West Ada School District. This also includes school buses, other school
119 vehicles, and the location of any school sponsored activity or function including dual-
120 enrollment settings, that include but are not limited to: Renaissance High School, Meridian
121 Professional Technical Center, Meridian Night School, Treasure Valley Math and Science, and
122 the Dehryl Dennis Center.

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124 **ALCOHOL, DRUG, & TOBACCO PROCEDURES**

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126 **KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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168 Parents or guardians and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification
169 of the violation. Student will be considered for expulsion from school for the remainder of
170 semester with a minimum expulsion of two (2) weeks (in compliance with Idaho Code 33-
171 205). Upon return to school, the student must: 1) attend small group and/or individual
172 counseling with school counselor or psychologist for at least six (6) months following offense;
173 2) keep weekly appointments with mentor assigned by principal or building team for a
174 minimum of six (6) months following offense; 3) present proof that a drug and alcohol
175 assessment provided by the State approved alcohol/drug agency in the community has been
176 completed and that the recommendations of the certified drug abuse/alcoholism counselor
177 have been followed, at the family's expense.
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- 179 D. **DISTRIBUTION/SALE:** Any student found to be distributing and/or selling alcohol, drugs,
180 tobacco, and/or other controlled substances (as defined above) may be referred to the
181 District Attendance and Discipline Committee for consideration of expulsion. Law
182 enforcement will be notified immediately (see Policy 502.11 – Discipline Policy).
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184 **ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO PROCEDURES**

185 186 **SIXTH - TWELFTH GRADE**

187 188 **USE OR POSSESSION – FIRST OFFENSE**

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190 Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The
191 principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a
192 minor student by law enforcement officials. The student will be considered for expulsion for the
193 remainder of the semester, or if a minimum of twenty (20) schools days remain in the present
194 semester, the student may be considered for expulsion for the next semester, OR the student and the
195 parent/guardian may complete the following requirements within 60 days of the offense.
196

197 **FIRST OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (USE/POSSESSION)**
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- 199 A. The student will receive suspension for the next five (5) school days.
 200 B. From the date of school notification, the student will be ineligible for participation in all
 201 school activities for a period of twenty-one (21) days. After the first seven (7) days, the
 202 student will be allowed to attend practices, but not participate in the activity itself.
 203 C. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a certified
 204 alcoholism/drug abuse counselor made available during school hours and follow the
 205 recommendations thereof. A release of information to the school district is required.
 206 D. The student and parent(s) will attend three (3) consecutive Parent Information classes.
 207 E. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class.
 208 F. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.
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210 **FIRST OFFENSE: TOBACCO (USE/POSSESSION)**
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- 212 A. The student will be suspended for five (5) school days.
 213 B. The student will be ineligible for participation in all school activities for a period of twenty-
 214 one (21) days. After the first seven (7) days, the student will be allowed to attend practices,
 215 but not participate in the activity itself.
 216 C. The student will be required to attend a Tobacco Education class during four (4) consecutive
 217 after-school or evening sessions. Parent/guardian is required to attend the first class.
 218 D. Student must also comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.
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220 **DISTRIBUTION OR SALE - FIRST OFFENSE**
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222 Any student found to be distributing or selling, or intending to distribute or sell, alcohol or other
 223 controlled substance (as defined above) will be suspended for 5 school days pending consideration
 224 for expulsion for one semester by the District Attendance and Discipline Committee. Law
 225 enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The principal or
 226 his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a minor student
 227 by law enforcement officials (see Policy 502.11 - Discipline Policy). Note: If student is not
 228 recommended for expulsion, the student will still be ineligible for participation in all school activities
 229 for a period of twenty-one (21) days. After the first seven (7) days, the student will be allowed to
 230 attend practices, but not participate in the activity itself. Upon return, all of the following
 231 requirements must be completed within 60 days:
 232

233 **FIRST OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)**
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- 235 A. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a certified
 236 alcoholism/drug abuse counselor made available during school hours and follow the
 237 recommendations thereof. A release of information to the school district is required.
 238 B. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will attend three (3) consecutive Parent Information
 239 classes
 240 C. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class.
 241 D. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.
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243 **FIRST OFFENSE: TOBACCO (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)**
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245 Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the violation. The
 246 principal or his/her designee will notify a parent or guardian of an interview or detainment of a
 247 minor student by law enforcement officials. The student will receive in-school suspension for the

248 remainder of the school day. The student will be considered for expulsion for one semester or may
249 complete the following requirements:

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251 A. Suspension for five (5) school days.

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

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

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

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259 **USE OR POSSESSION - SECOND OFFENSE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

284

285 A. Suspension for five (5) school days.

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

289 C. If appropriate, attend four (4) Tobacco Education classes, of which the parent(s)/guardian(s)
290 must attend the first class.

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

294 E. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will attend three (3) consecutive Parent Information
295 classes.

296 F. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class or appropriate
297 counseling education group.

298 G. Student must comply with a Drug Prevention Behavior Contract.
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300 **DISTRIBUTION OR SALE - SECOND OFFENSE**

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302 SECOND OFFENSE: ALCOHOL/DRUG (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)

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

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

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

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

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

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320 SECOND OFFENSE: TOBACCO (DISTRIBUTION/SALE)

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

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

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

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

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

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337 **ALCOHOL/DRUG USE OR POSSESSION - SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE**

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

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345 **TOBACCO USE OR POSSESSION - SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE**

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

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353 **ALCOHOL/DRUG DISTRIBUTION OR SALE: SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE**

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

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361 **TOBACCO DISTRIBUTION OR SALE: SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE**

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

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369 **STUDENT ACTIVITIES ALCOHOL, DRUG, AND TOBACCO POLICY**

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371 **SIXTH - TWELFTH GRADE**

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373 **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:**

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

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381 **A. FIRST OFFENSE:**

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

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387 1. The student receives a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a certified
388 alcoholism/drug abuse counselor made available during school hours and follow the
389 recommendations thereof.

390 2. The student attends an eight (8) week Insight class.

391 3. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) attend three (3) consecutive Parent
392 Information classes.

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

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397 B. SECOND OFFENSE during the current school year:

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

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