

TUSSEY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

PREFACE:

This policy, including its rules, regulations, and guidelines, is a coordinated effort by the Tussey Mountain School District to openly and effectively respond to the potential and current uses and abuses of drugs, alcohol, and mood altering substances by members of its entire student population.

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

The Tussey Mountain School District is concerned with the educational, emotional, and social growth of the individual student. The district will work to educate, prevent and intervene in the use and abuse of all drug, alcohol, and mood altering substances by the entire student population.

It is the belief of the district that these students should receive the necessary help as quickly, effectively, and professionally as possible. As an extension of the policy the following rules, regulations, and guidelines shall be used by all school district personnel when responding to drugs, mood altering substances, and alcohol related situations.

No person may use, possess, sell or distribute alcohol or other substances, nor may use or possess paraphernalia for the purpose of illicit/inappropriate drug use on school grounds or at school-sponsored events, except drugs as prescribed by a physician for personal use. 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, inhalable substances (including gases, solvents, butane, propane, and other inhalable substances; marijuana, cocaine/crack, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, methadone, steroids, look-a-likes and any of those substances commonly referred to as “mind-altering substances”). The inappropriate/illegal use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be prohibited. Prescription medication for personal use shall be allowed only under the supervision of school medical personnel, with written orders from a physician.

DEFINITION OF TERMS:

Drug/Mood Altering Substance/Alcohol - Shall include any alcohol or malt beverage, any drug listed in Act 64 (1972) as a controlled substance, chemical, abused substance or medication for which a prescription is required under the law and/or substance which is intended to alter mood.

Examples of the above include but are not limited to beer, wine, liquor, marijuana, hashish, cocaine, glue, look-alike substances and any capsules or pills not registered with the nurse and given in accordance with the school district policy for the administration of medication to students in school. Nicotine usage is not meant to be ignored by this policy but is covered under the disciplinary codes.