

Holbrook Junior-Senior High School
Substance Abuse Policy

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUG USE BY STUDENTS PROHIBITED

A student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use or consume, possess, buy or sell, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product, including vapor/E-cigarettes; marijuana; steroids; or any controlled substance. The School Committee prohibits the use or consumption by students of alcohol, tobacco products, or drugs on school property or at any school function.

Additionally, any student who is under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages prior to, or during, attendance at or participation in a school-sponsored activity, will be barred from that activity and may be subject to disciplinary action.

This policy shall be posted on the district's website and notice shall be provided to all students and parents of this policy in accordance with state law. Additionally, the district shall file a copy of this policy with DESE in accordance with law in a manner requested by DESE.

SOURCE: MASC March 2016

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L.71:2A; 71:96; 272:40A

CROSS REFS.: IHAMB, Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs
GBEC, Drug Free Workplace Policy

In order to safeguard the individual and general welfare and safety of all students, Holbrook Junior-Senior High School has established the following guidelines for dealing with alcohol and controlled substance cases. No one may possess, be under the influence of, distribute, sell, or ingest alcohol or a controlled substance as determined by an administrator on any school premises or while attending an authorized school related activity. At the discretion of the administration, police K-9 dogs may be used to search the school premises and/or individual possessions and school lockers used by students.

In the event that a faculty or staff member suspects any student to be under the influence or in possession of a controlled substance, the adult should keep the student under observation and call or send for an administrator. The administrator may consult other administrators, the school nurse, and/or the superintendent of schools to help make a determination using the following protocols.

Suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance

1. Opinion of a second person (principal, assistant principal, school nurse, and/or teacher).
2. At the discretion of an administrator, a breathalyzer or saliva drug test may be administered.
3. Parent/guardian requested to take the student home.

Possession or Use of Alcohol or a Controlled Substance while in School, or prior to Arrival at School, or at a School Sponsored Activity

1. Opinion of a second person (principal, assistant principal, school nurse, and/or teacher).
2. At the discretion of an administrator, a breathalyzer or saliva drug test may be administered.
3. Parent/guardian requested to take the student home.
4. Immediate suspension from all school programs.
5. Parent/guardian must confer with school administration on student's return.
6. Referral to rehabilitation program or counseling sessions.
7. Notification of local police department.

Selling or Distribution of Controlled Substances or Alcohol

1. Notification of local police department.
2. Immediate suspension from all school programs. An expulsion hearing may be held.
3. Parent/guardian must confer with the school administration before a student is readmitted.

Penalties

For a first alcohol or controlled substance offense, a student will receive an appropriate out-of-school suspension (5 to 10 days). For a second alcohol or controlled substance offense, a student will receive a ten day out-of-school suspension. In addition, an expulsion hearing may be held.

TEACHING ABOUT ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUGS

In accordance with state and federal law, the District shall provide age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate, evidence-based alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention education programs in grades K-12.

The alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention program shall address the legal, social, and health consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use, with emphasis on nonuse by school-age children. The program also shall include information about effective techniques and skill development for delaying and abstaining from using, as well as skills for addressing peer pressure to use alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.

The objectives of this program, as stated below, are rooted in the Committee's belief that prevention requires education, and that the most important aspect of the policies and guidelines of the District should be the education of children and youth on healthy decision-making:

- To prevent, delay, and/or reduce alcohol, tobacco, and drug use among children and youth.
- To increase students' understanding of the legal, social, and health consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use.
- To teach students self-management skills, social skills, negotiation skills, and refusal skills that will help them to make healthy decisions and avoid alcohol, tobacco, and drug use.

The curriculum, instructional materials, and outcomes used in this program shall be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the School Committee.

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LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:1 ;71:96

CROSS REFS: GBEC, Drug Free Workplace Policy
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Student