

***Excerpt from FHS Student Handbook...***

***DRUG / ALCOHOL POLICY***

The District is committed to having “Drug Free Schools.” Recognizing that this goal can only be achieved if the administration has the authority it needs to carry out the Drug/Alcohol policy, the administration follows the principle of “reasonable suspicion” not “probable cause.” Therefore, students smelling of alcohol or marijuana, or behaving in a manner that would indicate possession or ingestion of drugs or alcohol, on Franklin Public School property and at school events, are subject to this policy, and could be asked to submit to a field sobriety test, a search, and/or a breathalyzer test by the Franklin Police. Refusal to do so will necessitate the student’s parents being called, and disciplinary action could follow.

1. Any possession, ingestion, or dispensing of drugs/alcohol must be reported to the Principal or

designee. Any drugs/alcohol found on the school premises must be reported and turned over to

the principal or designee.

2. In the case of apparent drug/alcohol violations, the parents of the offending student will be

notified by the Principal or designee by telephone/certified mail.

3. When a student is found to be in possession of illegal drugs, the Principal shall notify the local

police immediately. School authorities shall cooperate fully with the police officials.

4. The Principal shall report all instances of drug/alcohol related offenses to the Superintendent

before the next school day and maintain a log of these offenses noting: date, student name,

grade, sex, brief description of the offense, action taken, and other comments. The school will

report names of students only in cases where the drug/alcohol violation involves illegal

activity, i.e., possession of illegal substance and/or intent to sell or distribute.

5. In addition, the Administration will comply with any appropriate Massachusetts General Laws

as well as MGL C272, S40A, Alcoholic Beverages in Schools, which states in part: “Whoever

gives, sells, delivers or has in his possession any alcoholic beverage, except for medicinal

purpose, in any public school building, or on any premises used for public school committee

or other public board or officer, shall be punished by imprisonment for no more than thirty

days or by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or both....”

6. Suspected drug abuse-related violations shall be reported to the School Nurse. The Nurse shall

examine these students and advise the Principal concerning her findings.

7. INFRACTIONS:

- a). Possession of drugs with intent to sell or distribute.
- b). Possession of drugs, drug-related equipment or alcohol.
- c). Ingestion of drugs or alcohol.

8. Consequences:

- Notification of parent
- Notification of law enforcement officials
- Immediate suspension from school and possible expulsion/exclusion from school
- Disciplinary hearing with the Principal