

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Statement of Purpose

USD #325 recognizes that the use of mood-altering chemicals (alcohol, tobacco, and other non-prescribed controlled drugs including vaping devices) can lead to a significant health problem. Their usage can have negative effects on a person's behavior, learning, development, and relations with other individuals. It is the aim of this policy to eliminate the negative effects of mood-altering chemicals by doing the following:

1. Educate the students on the dangers of using mood-altering chemicals.
2. Identify students that may be having problems as a result of using mood-altering chemicals and refer them to professional help.
3. Discourage the students from using mood-altering chemicals.
4. Keep the students participating in the activities of the school.
5. Make sure students understand that these chemicals are illegal for them to use.

In order to accomplish these goals, the following rule has been established.

RULE

During the school year and activity season, the student shall not consume or have in their possession, a product containing alcohol. No student shall use or possess any form of tobacco product or vaping device. Students shall not have in possession, use, buy, sell or give away any other controlled substance defined by law as a drug.

Possession and/or use of illegal substances on school property will also be referred to the student handbook for additional consequences.

REPORT OF VIOLATIONS:

Violations may be reported in the following ways:

1. **Self-admission by the student to administration/coach.** The student will receive the appropriate penalty.
2. **Violation witnessed by a member of the school faculty or administration, or by any law enforcement officer.** The student will receive the appropriate penalty.
3. **Violation reported by a concerned individual.** The report will be investigated by the school administration and, if confirmed, the student will receive the appropriate penalty.

PENALTIES:

First Violation: Self-Admission (trumps/precedes drug testing)

1. The student will have a conference with the parents/guardian and an administrator.
2. The student will be ineligible for participation in school activities for 10 school/activity days, starting immediately after the violation has been confirmed by the administration.

First Violation: Other than Self-Admission

1. The student will have a conference with the parents/guardian and an administrator.
2. The student will be ineligible for participation in school activities for 30 school/activity days (15 with proof of counseling), starting immediately after the violation has been confirmed by the administration.

Second Violation

1. The student will have a conference with the parents/guardian and an administrator.
2. The student will be ineligible for participation in school activities for 90 school/activity days (50 with counseling), starting immediately after the violation has been confirmed by the administration.

NOTES

Violations under this drug and alcohol policy are cumulative throughout 2 years, grades 9-12 and start over every two (2) school years.

For the purpose of this policy, a school day consists of a Student Day as approved by the Board of Education on the yearly calendar. An activity day is a day in which there is a school activity scheduled on the activities calendar.

Periods of ineligibility will begin immediately after the violation has been confirmed by the administration.

The student must participate in all practices for any activities. Student must also attend music programs which are for a grade (this does not include pep band).

**Violations will accumulate throughout the school year and will carry over into a new school year.

ALL ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES ARE INCLUDED IN THIS POLICY

In understanding that participation in or attending extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, we expect our student-athletes to abide by higher standards. This is largely due to their visibility to our school and our community. Student-Athletes represent Phillipsburg High School outside the realm of our school. In addition, athletic participation requires athletes to be physically and emotionally fit. The only way to accomplish this is to remain drug free. Please understand that failure to abide by the said policies will result in the appropriate and outlined penalties covered within this policy. Also understand that individual coaches may present additional guidelines for participating in their programs.

I have read and understand the USD #325 Phillipsburg Substance Abuse Policy and agree to abide by it while I am involved in Phillipsburg High School athletics and activities or attending any Phillipsburg events. I understand that failure to abide by the said policies will result in the appropriate and outlined penalties covered within this policy. I also understand that individual coaches may present additional guidelines for participating their programs.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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NAME _____

I have read and understand the USD #325 Phillipsburg Substance Abuse Policy. I also understand that while participating in athletics, injuries may occur. Injuries can range from a minor sprain to head and spinal injuries that may cause death. I understand that I am responsible for any medical bills that may occur. I do understand that the Phillipsburg High School and the Kansas State High School Activities Association have secondary insurance coverage available. My signature allows my student to participate in athletics/activities at Phillipsburg High School for the current school year.

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____