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PROHIBITION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE BY POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

No post-secondary student regardless of age shall use, possess, sell, offer, manufacture, or distribute alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances, nor may use or possess drug paraphernalia, on BOCES grounds or at BOCES-sponsored events. The prohibitions set forth in this policy shall be construed to refer to the use of the following substances: alcohol, inhalants, synthetic cannabinoids, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, and any synthetic version thereof (whether or not specifically illegal or labeled for human consumption), commonly referred to as “designer drugs.” Designer drugs are those substances which have been designed and synthesized to mimic the intended effects and usages of, and which are chemically substantially similar to, substances controlled by federal and/or state law as listed above. The inappropriate use or distribution of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be prohibited.

The post-secondary student shall be prohibited from entering BOCES grounds or BOCES-sponsored events if he/she exhibits behavior, conduct, or personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol and/or other substances prohibited by this policy, or if BOCES personnel have reasonable grounds to suspect that such post-secondary student has used alcohol and/or other substances prohibited by this policy.

Any staff member observing possession or usage by a post-secondary student of any substance prohibited by this policy shall report the incident immediately to the District Superintendent or his/her designee.

The BOCES shall make the appropriate referral to law enforcement agencies, and shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Intervention, Treatment and Reentry Procedures:

1. If a post-student is found to be in violation of this policy, the BOCES administration shall facilitate a referral to a community based alcohol or other drug treatment provider who will conduct a formal evaluation. The post-secondary student will be asked to voluntarily sign a release of information with the treatment provider in compliance with 42 CFR, which will allow the treatment provider to inform the BOCES that the post-secondary student has participated in the formal evaluation.
2. The post-secondary student will be re-admitted into the BOCES program, after proof of successful completion of treatment.

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