

This policy is in accordance with Public Law 101-226, Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 for the receipt of federal grants.

The Board of Education of the Lordsburg Municipal Schools (Board) realizes that drug and alcohol abuse is a pervasive problem in American society and has an impact on student achievement. Not only is the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol wrong and harmful, it is generally recognized as one of the most common health hazards among the youth in our society today. The Board recognizes that drug and alcohol abuse can seriously injure the health of students, adversely impair classroom performance, and endanger the safety and well-being of other students, and possibly members of the community. Therefore, in response to this significant problem, the Board hereby adopts a Drug-Free Schools Policy in an effort to ensure students and employees a healthy environment in which education can occur. The Board has also approved age appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention programs for students in all grades of the Lordsburg Municipal Schools.

The unlawful possession, dispensing, distribution, manufacture, sale, or use of alcohol and/or controlled or illicit substances on school premises or as part of school-sponsored activities by any Lordsburg Municipal School student is prohibited. Controlled substances refers to those substances in Schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C., Paragraph 812, and implementing regulations, 21 CFR, paragraphs 1308.11 - 1308.15. Controlled substances include, but are not limited to marijuana, cocaine (including crack), amphetamines, heroin, PCP, hallucinogens, and certain prescription drugs.

Violation of this policy will be considered a breach of the standard of conduct expected of all Lordsburg Municipal School's students and shall be considered good and just cause for disciplinary action, which may include short-term or long-term suspensions or expulsion. Such disciplinary actions may include a requirement that students participate satisfactorily in a substance-abuse treatment or rehabilitation program. Specific sanctions are as follows:

Any student suspected of possessing, distributing, manufacturing, selling or using controlled or illicit substances or alcohol on school property or at any school-sponsored events will be referred to their respective building administrator for investigation. Investigation may involve legal authorities or result in referral for prosecution by law enforcement authorities. Disciplinary actions resulting from the investigation may include referral for substance-abuse treatment, reprimand, suspension, or expulsion.

Students shall be informed about the danger and risks of illicit drug and alcohol use, available drug and alcohol counseling services, rehabilitation and re-entry programs available to them, and the penalties involved for violation of this policy. The Board shall also compile a listing of drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation and re-entry programs available to students for distribution upon request.

Any student who is experiencing problems with the use or abuse of drugs or alcohol is strongly encouraged to obtain professional assistance.

**Compliance with this policy is mandatory.**

**A copy of this policy shall be distributed to all students and made available to parents of all students in the Lordsburg Schools.**

**This policy shall be reviewed every two years to assure that the Board's program is effective, to implement needed changes and to ensure that disciplinary sanctions are being consistently enforced.**