

The Lordsburg Municipal Schools recognize that alcohol and drug abuse are treatable health problems. Health problems of youth are primarily the responsibilities of the home and community, but the school shares that responsibility because dependency problems often interfere with school behavior, student learning, and the maximum possible development of each student. The schools, at their discretion, may intervene with persons manifesting signs of misuse or abuse and make an effort to educate and aid them.

In accordance with State Board of Education Regulation 81-3, the Lordsburg Schools prohibit students from use, possession, sale, or transportation of alcohol and/or illegal drugs on school property, at school, on school buses or at school-sponsored activities. For the purposes of this prohibition, illegal drugs are defined as controlled substances, prescription drugs used or possessed without a prescription, solvents used for intoxication and those substances possessed, sold, and/or used that are held out to be, or represented to be, controlled substances, illegal substances, inhalants, or any illegal or controlled substances. Additionally, the Lordsburg Schools prohibit students from selling, giving away and/or use of drug paraphernalia on school property, at school, on school buses, or at school-sponsored activities.

Prescription drugs must be reported to the school principal in writing and signed by the parent before they are brought to school or any school activity described in this policy.

The principal at each school shall establish and oversee the work of an interdisciplinary referral and assessment team (Care Team).

Penalties for violation of school rules or state laws regarding alcohol or drug use or abuse may include short-term or long-term suspensions or expulsion. For all due process rights and procedures, see SBE Reg. 81-3, (Student Rights and Responsibilities).