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## Drug-Free Schools, Chemical Health, Chemical Use and Abuse

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### **I. PURPOSE**

The Minneapolis Public Schools school board recognizes that chemical use and abuse constitutes a grave threat to the physical and mental well-being of students and employees and significantly impedes the learning process. The school board believes that Minneapolis Public Schools has a role in education, intervention, and prevention of chemical use and abuse. The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in its goal to prevent chemical use and abuse by providing procedures for education and intervention and to maintain a safe and healthful environment for students by prohibiting the use of alcohol, toxic substances and controlled substances without a health care provider's prescription.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. Use of controlled substances, toxic substances, prescription drugs and over-the-counter preparations (without a health care provider's prescription) or alcohol before, during, or after school hours, at school or in or on other school premises, is prohibited as general policy. Paraphernalia associated with controlled substances is prohibited.
- B. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student, teacher, administrator, other school district personnel, or member of the public :
1. to use alcohol, toxic substances, or controlled substances on any school premises;
  2. to use, share, offer or distribute prescription medication prescribed for someone other than the recipient on any school premises,
  3. to use, share, offer or distribute over-the-counter medications or preparations in forms, means or quantities not intended by the manufacturer without a health care provider's prescription on any school premises.