



5631 A

Chemical Health Instruction and Notice to Parents

Regulation 5631 A

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I. PURPOSE

Minneapolis Public Schools recognizes its responsibility to equip students with education and information to promote healthy life choices, provide strategies for allowing students to seek help with chemical health issues that affect them or their families, and help to prevent chemical abuse and chemical dependency. These regulations support the drug free schools policy of the district.

II. STANDARDS BASED CURRICULUM

- A. The district department charged with aligning district curriculum with Minnesota State standards of education will identify, assess or select age-appropriate and developmentally based curriculum that:
1. addresses healthy life choices,
 2. promotes skills for resisting illegal drug and alcohol use,
 3. creates understanding of the dangers of chemical abuse and dependency,
 4. promotes individual responsibility for health choices, and
 5. encourages students to seek assistance in making healthy decisions from their parents, guardians and other caring adults, including school staff.
- B. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall determine the scope and sequence of instruction regarding chemical health and awareness for district students.

III. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- A. The district department charged with staff development will include opportunities for school staff to increase their awareness of
1. The district's drug free schools policy,
 2. The affirmative duty of reporting suspected use or abuse,
 3. The ability of minors to consent to treatment ,
 4. The district's policy on student searches.
 5. The availability of drug or alcohol use or abuse counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, re-entry and/or assistance programs available to students.
- B. Staff Development planning for supporting chemical health instruction may include input from school staff and teachers, parents and guardians, vetted



community chemical health, use and abuse specialists and other staff as appropriate.

III. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

The principal or site administrator for each school shall annually report to the appropriate superintendent in what manner they have notified school parents and guardians of the matters required to be reported to them under policy 5631. Such notification to parents or guardians may be made through a school handbook, or through a general mailing or registration packet given to each student in the school, or in some other format which effectively gives the parent or guardian the information required to be reported.

Legal References:

20 USC § 7101- 7161 (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.25-121A.29 (Student Health and Safety: Chemical Abuse)
Minn. Stat. § 144.343. Subd. 1.(Minor’s Consent)
Minn. Stat. § 624.701 (Alcohol in Certain Buildings or Grounds [Schools])

Cross References:

MPS Policy 4025 (Drug Free Workplace)
MPS Policy 4026 (Transportation Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing)
MPS Policy 5680 (Search of Students, Lockers, Desks, Motor Vehicles)
MPS Policy 6200 (Curriculum)
MPS Policy 6411 (Learning Materials and Resources)
MPS Policy 6680 (Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness)
MPS Policy 6682 (Emergency Health Care)
MPS Policy 6690 (Health/Nutrition/Wellness Education)
MPS Policy 6692 (Student Medication)