

<b>BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy Manual</b>
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Section: PUPILS  
Title: USE OF UNAUTHORIZED SUBSTANCES  
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**227. USE OF UNAUTHORIZED SUBSTANCES**

- .1 The Board recognizes that supervision and behavior of students is a responsibility shared by students, parents, teachers, administrators and school district personnel and students are ultimately responsible for their own behavior. In order that this belief may be carried out and the purpose of the educational program realized, the Board is hereby adopting the following procedure dealing with the subject of use of unauthorized substances. In all cases involving student exposure to controlled substances, the need to protect the school community from harm and exposure to drugs shall be recognized.
  
- .2 For purposes of this policy the following definitions shall apply:
  - .21 Unauthorized Substance – a drug or substance or immediate precursor included in Schedule I through V of “The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act” of June 14, 1972, as amended, as well as any alcoholic beverage, or look-alike drugs.
  
  - .22 An Authorized Substance – a drug or substance that is prescribed by a licensed physician to be taken or administered during the school day. A written permission slip from the parent/guardian and doctor must be provided to a school nurse prior to the drug or substance being authorized for use by the student. Such substance must be taken, or administered, in the presence of, or in consultation with, the school nurses or nurse’s aide, pursuant to Board Policy.
  
  - .23 Unauthorized substances shall also include prescription medication, over-the-counter medication and other substances that are used in a manner contrary to Board Policy #210.
  
- .3 If a member of the school staff has reason to believe a student is under the influence of any unauthorized substance, then the staff member shall ask the

student to voluntarily consult with the (Bloomsburg Assistance and Support Education) BASE team. If the student does not voluntarily consult with the BASE team, said staff member must notify the BASE team of his/her concern for the student's health and safety.

- .4 Any student of the Bloomsburg Area School District, who, while under the school's jurisdiction, possesses, uses, transfers, sells, or is under the influence of any unauthorized substance, including drugs and alcoholic beverages, will receive the following disciplinary action:
  - .41 With respect to a first or subsequent offense for possession, use, transfer, sale, or being under the influence of an unauthorized, over-the-counter substance, may result in an out-of-school suspension of ten (10) school days. In addition, the Administration may bring expulsion proceedings against such student.
  - .42 With respect to a first or subsequent offense for possession, use, transfer, sale, or being under the influence of an unauthorized, non-over-the counter substance, shall result in an out-of-school suspension of ten (10) school days. The Administration shall bring expulsion proceedings against said student. The Board shall conduct a formal hearing to consider expulsion.
- .5 Each suspension and expulsion must meet the conditions of the Bloomsburg Area School District Policy Manual, Pennsylvania Department of Education Regulations and the School Code of the Commonwealth, dealing with suspensions and expulsions. When considering expulsion, the board shall also consider mitigating and aggravating circumstances in each instance.
- .6 Law enforcement agencies will be notified when infractions occur.
- .7 After being reinstated, the student must follow and complete the BASE team recommendation. If the student does not follow and complete the BASE team recommendation, further disciplinary action may be imposed.
- .8 Confidentiality between students and teachers, guidance counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, home and school visitors, and clerical workers shall be respected. No confidential communication made to any such employee shall be required to be revealed without the consent of the student or his/her parent unless the best interests of the student, other students, or the school district can be served only by doing so.