

Memorandum of Understanding – Substance Abuse and Weapons

Cooperation with Police: In order to better meet the needs of our communities and to better serve the youth entrusted to our care, cooperation between the Nauset Schools and local Law Enforcement Officers is imperative. The School Officials and the Police Departments agree to the following handling of substance abuse incidents occurring during school hours, on school grounds or at school functions.

Student found or admitting to being under the influence of a chemical or controlled substance, or in possession of, or selling or distributing, or with intent to distribute, or conspiracy to distribute, a chemical or controlled substance.

School Response:

1. Teacher asks student for substance and escorts the student to the office. If student refuses, teacher is to keep student under observation to the best of their ability and contact office.
2. Administrator, with witness present, searches the student, student's locker, questions student pursuant to reasonable search procedures of the law.
3. Administration notifies parent.
4. Administration notifies police.
5. Police meet with parent, student and school administration. Student is removed from school.
6. Report is filled out by administrator and placed in students file.

Interaction with Police:

1. Police are notified and asked to come in to school and meet with appropriate school staff, parents and student.
2. All contraband is turned over to police.

Student Intervention: Expulsion or ten (10) days suspension. For students not expelled, readmittance will only be after a parental conference. Legal action may also be taken: criminal charges filed, CHINS, C&P.

Note: In addition to any other punishment(s) students who commit the above actions at a school function may be barred from all like functions for the rest of the school year.

Additional Penalties: In addition to an initial suspension for serious offenses such as, but not limited to, drugs, weapons and alcohol, the principal may extend a suspension or expel a student. The following serve as guidelines:

Drugs/Alcohol – 1st offense – up to 25 days suspension (five day can be reduced for some type of treatment); 2nd offense – 90 day suspension and/or expulsion.

Weapon: 1st offense – Up to 90 day suspension to expulsion; 2nd offense – expulsion.

Intent to Distribute: 1st offense – 90 day suspension to expulsion; 2nd offense – expulsion.

Harm Done by a Weapon or Object Used as a Weapon: 1st offense – up to 90 day suspension to expulsion.

Note: These are for the student's entire career in the Nauset Regional Schools, grades 6-12.