

**POLICY****Non-Instructional Business  
Operations****SUBJECT: ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES**

The Madrid-Waddington Central School District recognizes its responsibility to promote the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and others on school property and at school-sponsored activities. The Board of Education also recognizes that the misuse of drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco is a serious problem with legal, physical, emotional and social implications for the entire community. Therefore, the consumption, sharing and/or selling, use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs, or paraphernalia for the use of such drugs is prohibited at any school-sponsored event or on school property at all times including non-school hours.. The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be disallowed. Persons shall be banned from entering school grounds or school-sponsored events when exhibiting behavioral, personal, or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol or other substances.

**Definitions**

**Tobacco:** means any cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product; as well as spit Tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, and snuff, and any other spit tobacco product in any form.

**School Property:** means any building, structure or vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by the Madrid-Waddington Central School District.

**School Grounds:** means property surrounding buildings and structures, athletic grounds, parking lots, or any other outdoor property owned, leased, or contracted by the Madrid-Waddington Central School District.

**School-sponsored event:** means any event that is supported by the Madrid-Waddington Central School District, including off campus field trips, extra-curricular events, and or athletics.

**Primary Prevention/Education**

Preventing or delaying alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substance use/abuse by students shall be the major focus of a comprehensive K through 12 program in which proactive measures of prevention and early intervention are emphasized. This program shall include:

- a) A sequential K through 12 curriculum based on recognized principles of effectiveness that is developed and incorporated into the total educational process. This curriculum shall be

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- b) concerned with education and prevention in all areas of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substances use/abuse;
- c) Training school personnel and parents/guardians to reinforce the components of the policy through in-service and community education programs with up-to-date factual information and materials;
- d) An effort to provide positive alternatives to alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substances use/abuse through the promotion of drug/tobacco/ alcohol-free special events, service projects and extracurricular activities that will develop and support a positive peer influence.

**Staff Development**

There shall be ongoing training of District staff about the components of an effective alcohol, tobacco and other substances program. Training shall include, but not be limited to, District policies and regulations and the staff's role in implementing such policies and regulations. Teachers shall be trained to implement the District's K through 12 alcohol, tobacco and other substance prevention curricula; intervention staff shall be suitably trained to carry out appropriate services.

**Intervention**

School based intervention services shall be made available to all students, grades K through 12, and provided by prevention professionals who are appropriately trained in this area. The purpose of intervention is to eliminate any existing use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substances and to identify students considered to be at risk for use/abuse. Intervention programming shall include:

- a) Counseling of students in groups and as individuals on alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substance use/abuse. Counselors shall be appropriately trained and skilled school staff assigned for this purpose.
- b) Referring students to community or other outside agencies when their use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substances requires additional counseling or treatment. Referral is a key link in school and community efforts and the process is basic to the dissemination of information regarding available counseling and health services;
- c) Providing a supportive school environment designed to continue the recovery process for students returning from treatment. A re-entry program may include continuing student and/or family counseling and emphasizing positive alternatives to alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substance use/abuse.
- d) Developing a parent network to serve as a support group and provide a vehicle of communication for parent education;
- e) Ensuring confidentiality as required by state and federal law.

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Disciplinary measures for students consuming, sharing and/or selling, using and/or possessing alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs, counterfeit and designer drugs, or paraphernalia for the use of such drugs shall be outlined in the District's Code of Conduct. Alternatives to Suspension will be provided as appropriate.

Employee violations of the policy will lead to disciplinary action in accordance with personnel policies and contractual obligations. Referrals and access to community resources and cessation programs shall be provided to staff.

Violations by others will result in appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the Superintendent or Board of Education.

**Posting/Notification of Policy**

In compliance with the New York State Clean Indoor Air Act, the District will prominently post its Smoking/Tobacco Use policy and signs prohibiting all forms of tobacco products in District buildings and other appropriate locations; and will supply a copy upon request to any current or prospective employee. The District will also have designated appropriate personnel to tell individuals who smoke on school grounds that they are in violation of Article 13-E of the New York State Public Health Law, the federal Pro-Children Act of 1994, and District policy.

**Prohibition of Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco Promotional Items/ Advertising**

Tobacco, Alcohol or drugs promotional items (e.g. brand names, logos and other identifiers) are prohibited:

- a) On school grounds;
- b) In school vehicles;
- c) At school sponsored events;
- d) In school publications;
- e) On clothing, shoes, accessories, gear, and school supplies in accordance with the District Code of Conduct and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

In addition, tobacco, alcohol and/or drug advertising is also prohibited in all school-sponsored publications and at all school-sponsored events.

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It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to implement the alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances Board policy by collaboration with school personnel, students, parents/guardians and the community at large.

Additionally, copies of Board policy shall be annually disseminated to District staff, parents/guardians and community members. The Superintendent/designee shall periodically review the drug and alcohol abuse prevention program to determine its effectiveness and support appropriate modifications, as needed.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act  
20 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 7107 et seq.