



Mitchell School District 17-2 POLICY

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USE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS BY EMPLOYEES (DRUG FREE WORKPLACE)

MSD 743

Student and employee safety is a paramount concern to the school board. Employees under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs are a serious risk to themselves, to students, and to other employees. Therefore, the school board will not tolerate the unlawful manufacture, use, possession, sale, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs. Any employee who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include dismissal, and referral for prosecution. Each employee of the district is hereby notified that, as a condition of employment, the employee must abide by the terms of this policy and will report to the superintendent any criminal alcohol and/or other drug statute convictions for any alcohol and/or drug violation. Such notification must be made by the employee to the superintendent no later than five (5) days after conviction.

Within thirty (30) days after receipt of information concerning an alleged or proven violation (s) of this policy, the district will take appropriate disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment, requiring the employee to participate in alcohol and/or other drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation programs, and possible referral for prosecution.

The school board recognizes that employees who have an alcohol and/or other drug use/abuse problem should be encouraged to seek professional assistance. An employee who requests assistance shall be provided a listing of the regional treatment facilities or agencies to assist him/her in their choice of a service provider.

When a staff member has consumed alcoholic and/or illegal drugs off school property and/or before a school activity, the staff member will not be allowed on school property or to participate in school activities. Staff members who violate this regulation will be subject to the same disciplinary sanctions, as for possession or consumption on school property.

The school board hereby commits itself to a continuing good faith effort to maintain a drug-free environment.

A copy of this policy shall be given to all present and future employees through staff handbooks.

This policy shall be orally reviewed with all staff on an annual basis by building principals at start of year meetings. At this time, employees will be informed about the dangers of alcohol and/or other drug use/abuse, this policy of maintaining an alcohol and/or other drug-free environment, available alcohol and/or other drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and the disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed upon employees for alcohol and/or other drug use/abuse violations.

LEGAL REFERENCES: Public Law 100-690
 SDCL 13-32-4
 SDCL 13-20B-11 to 34-20B-26
 SDCL 26-10-20
 SDCL 26-10-22
 SDCL 26-10-23

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