

Policy on Drug and Substance Abuse

The Board of Christian Education considers the existence of drugs and other substances (including chemicals, alcohol, non-prescribed medicines, and tobacco) as a clear and present danger to our student body and faculty. The presence of such danger will not be tolerated or condoned in any situation involving St. Paul's Lutheran School, including on school buses to and from school or at extra curricular activities where St. Paul's is being represented.

Drug is defined as: "Any substance that alters perception or behavior reducing that individual's ability to function appropriately in the academic environment".

Any instance involving controlled substances and/or illegal drugs will be reported to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Therefore, any student determined to be in possession of, and/or under the influence of any drug(s), alcohol, chemical(s), non-prescribed, medicines, tobacco or any other substance deemed to be harmful to the student or potentially harmful to others:

1. Will be suspended immediately for a minimum of 3 full school days.
2. Will appear at a mandatory meeting with his/her parent(s) or guardian before members of the School Committee, teacher representative, Principal and Pastor to be conducted before the student will be allowed to return to school – regardless of the expiration of the suspension period.
3. Will not be allowed to represent St. Paul's in any extra curricular activity including but not limited to sports, choir, etc. until determined by the School Committee.

After the mandatory meeting, the following may be required:

1. The student and his/her parent(s) or guardian must meet with a professional counselor for evaluation, assessment and possible treatment.
2. Parents must give counselor permission to release progress information and advice to designated St. Paul's personnel.

Any subsequent violation of these provisions subjects the student to an automatic expulsion from school.

Any paraphernalia determined to be related to drugs or other substances will be immediately confiscated and the student or students involved will be subject to any or all of the above provisions depending on the nature of the offense.

Students found to have been under the influence of such chemical and substance abuse as mentioned above, off the school premise are subject to not being allowed to represent St. Paul's on any team in sports or academic area for that particular sport season or event. Should the offense occur at the end of a sport season a decision will be made as to whether or not the student may be involved during the next sports or academic event. The decision rests with the School Committee and the Board of Christian Education.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____