

GBEC - DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

The Cape Elizabeth School Board recognizes that alcoholism and drug dependency are treatable diseases. Left untreated, they may result in serious personal and family problems. At the same time, the Board is also seriously concerned about the effects of alcohol and drug dependency upon an employee's job performance and ability to serve as a role model for our students.

The Board believes strongly that all employees and students should be able to work and learn in an environment free from alcohol and drug abuse. Accordingly, the Board expects all employees to report for work and to perform their duties in a manner which does not jeopardize the health, safety, and well-being of co-workers and students.

Any employee who suspects that they may have an alcohol or drug dependency problem is strongly encouraged to contact their supervisor to seek voluntary diagnosis and treatment. The employee will be provided confidential referral services to an outside agency upon request and assisted in determining the extent to which insurance coverage to help pay for such services is available. All voluntary referrals shall be kept confidential.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

No employee shall distribute, dispense, possess, use, or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, fortified wine, or other intoxicating liquor. Nor shall an employee unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid, or any other controlled substance (as defined in schedules I through V of section 202 of the federal Controlled Substance Act [21 USC § 812]; by regulation at 21 CFR, § 1300.11 through 1300.15; and in 17-A MRSA, § 1101). This applies before, during, and after school hours, at school or in any other school system location, defined as follows:

"School system location" means in any school building or on any school premises; in any school-owned vehicle or in any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event, or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school department; or during any period of time the employee is supervising students on behalf of the school system or otherwise engaged in school department business.

Any illegal use, possession, furnishing, selling, or provision of assistance in obtaining alcoholic beverages or scheduled drugs not covered by the preceding paragraph is also prohibited.

In addition, employees (including coaches) are prohibited from selling, distributing, or promoting any performance-enhancing substances included on the banned substances list prepared by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services Office of Substance Abuse.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

The Cape Elizabeth School Department shall comply with all applicable provisions of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), the Maine Family Medical Leave Law, and any other Board policies and collective bargaining agreements regarding family and medical leave.

The Superintendent is responsible for implementing administrative procedures to comply with this policy.

Legal Reference:

- 26 USC Sec. 2601 et seq.

- 29 CFR Part 825
- 26 MRSA Sec. 843 et seq.

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