

J-17 ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS/STUDENT DRUG ABUSE DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN THE SCHOOLS

The possession or use of alcohol by students, student drug possession (including counterfeit drugs or "look-alike" drugs) or use (without authorization from a registered physician), or the possession of a dangerous weapon, (1) on the school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours; (2) on the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by any school group; or (3) off the school grounds at a school activity, function, or event, shall constitute grounds for expulsion subject to procedural provisions of Indiana law concerning student discipline and due process.

As required by the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, bringing a firearm to school will result in an automatic expulsion from school of not less than one year. This penalty is subject to modification by the superintendent, the hearing officer, or the Board to comply with Indiana law.

The term "expulsion" means disciplinary action whereby a student:

1. Is separated from school attendance for a period in excess of five (5) days;
2. Is separated for the balance of the then current semester or current year unless a student is permitted to complete required examinations in order to receive credit for courses taken in the then current semester or current year; or
3. Suffers a penalty which automatically prevents completing within the normal time the student's overall course of study in any school in the school corporation. The term does not include situations in which a student is assigned a special course of study, enrolled in special classes, or given homebound instruction as authorized or required by law, or removed from athletic activities, non-credit activities, or school-provided transportation.

***COUNTERFEIT DRUGS AND "LOOK-ALIKE" DRUGS**

"Counterfeit drugs" generally refers to substances which are represented as being a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant; the substance itself may be harmless. Indiana Criminal Law makes it a class D felony to deliver a substance represented to be a controlled substance.

"Look-alikes" refer to pills which resemble a controlled substance, usually amphetamines. They are also known as "burn dope", "street speed", or "Black Beauties". While "look-alikes" are not controlled substances, they can be extremely dangerous.

The policy language, paragraphs A and B below, is broader than the criminal law. Indiana Criminal Law makes illegal the delivery of any substance represented to be a controlled substance. The policy language *prohibits providing, possessing, or using not only those substances represented to be a narcotic, hallucinogenic, amphetamine, barbiturate, and marijuana (all of which are controlled substances) but also stimulants, depressants, and intoxicants of any kind.

- A. No student may provide, by sale or otherwise, any substance which she/he represents to be a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind.
- B. No student may possess or use any substance which the student has reason to believe is, or which has been presented to her/him, as a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind.
- C. Students are prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting, or being under the influence of caffeine-based pills, substances containing phenylpropanolamine (PPA), or stimulants of any kind be they available with or without a prescription.
- D. Any substance for which a student has a prescription or written permission from a parent allowing use, must be brought to the school nurse or designee in the health clinic and administered or taken there.

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