

J-18 DRUG AND/OR ALCOHOL ABUSE BY STUDENTS

In an effort to provide an opportunity for corrective action and possible rehabilitation, the Board of School Trustees of the Plainfield Community School Corporation could provide an alternative to expulsion to first time drug abuse offenders in the school district.

Alternative to Expulsion Program for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Proposal

Students who break the school rules pertaining to drugs and alcohol are currently expelled under School Board Policy.

The purpose of this policy is to provide an "alternative to expulsion" for students who violate the drug and alcohol policy.

The basic format of the "drug in-service program" follows below:

1. Students who have been recommended for expulsion for violation(s) of the rules and regulations of the Plainfield Community School Corporation regarding drugs and/or alcohol may be recommended by the superintendent or his or her designee to attend the drug in-service program offered by Fairbanks, St. Vincent Stress Center, and Koala, or another similar program approved by the superintendent.
2. Students who are "first time" offenders and are not "sellers" are eligible for participation in the program.
3. Both the parent(s) or guardian(s) and student must attend the required number of sessions.
4. A student who fails to complete the "alternative program" as required or a student who commits his or her second infraction will be suspended with a recommendation for expulsion, as mandated in the procedures of the current policy.
5. Parents are responsible for payment of all fees connected with the program.
6. Realizing that drug and alcohol abuse is a serious problem, students who are caught will be suspended ten (10) school days from the date of infraction. It is understood that no make-up work will be permitted for the period of time that the student is out of school. However, the student should be encouraged to keep up with his assignments. The student will not be permitted to attend or participate in extracurricular activities during this time period.

7. Upon satisfactory completion of the in-service program by the student, a representative of the program will call the principal or assistant principal in charge of discipline at the student's school to provide verbal evaluative information. This is to be followed by the submission of a written report. Any student who fails to successfully complete the alternative program option will be suspended pending expulsion. A conference will be held with the student and parent(s) or guardian(s) upon successful completion of the Alternative Program with the principal or assistant principal in charge of discipline.
8. Once the student and his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to the alternative to drugs and alcohol program option, the opportunity for a hearing will be forfeited. All decisions made by the superintendent are final.

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