

ALCOHOL, DRUGS & NARCOTICS POLICY

The Fitzgerald School District recognizes its responsibilities to provide a safe and healthy environment for all students. We further recognize that misuse, abuse and dependency on Illegal Substances, as defined under the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline, is a serious problem in society and among our youth. Since drug related problems interfere with school behavior, student learning and the fullest possible development of each student, it is believed that schools must share in the responsibility along with the home, society and the individual in seeking solutions.

Recognizing that chemical dependency is a progressive illness, the Board deems it appropriate:

1. To provide as part of its curriculum programs designed to prevent the misuse and abuse of harmful, mind-altering chemicals which lead to such dependency.
2. To acknowledge its responsibility to intervene and offer assistance to students displaying signs of harmful involvement.
3. To provide support groups for students who are affected by chemical dependency to the extent that such group facilitators are available.

The Board also recognizes that the possession, trafficking in, sale and/or use by a student or students of alcohol or Illegal Substances on school property or at a school sponsored event is wrong and harmful and is a direct violation of the Student Code of Conduct and will be dealt with accordingly. Depending on the nature and/or severity of the situation, a student involved in the possession, trafficking in, sale and/or use of an Illegal Substance or substances may be referred for appropriate disciplinary action up to and including expulsion under the terms and conditions set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.

Alcohol, drugs & narcotics: a student will not possess, use, offer to buy or sell, or participate to buy or sell, drug paraphernalia, a controlled substance, dangerous drug, prescription drug, counterfeit drug, pep pills, inhalants (glues, solvents, etc), intoxicating or mind altering substance (synthetic or natural), a single or combination of legal or illegal substances for the purpose of altering one's state of mind, or alcohol. A student legally in possession of prescribed medication will not be in violation of this section as long as his/her use and possession of the prescribed medication is authorized at school and the student follows the required possession and use protocols as defined by school.