

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

DRUG/ALCOHOL POLICY

PREFACE

This policy, including the rules, regulations, and guidelines, is a concerted effort of Saint Bernadette Parish to respond openly and effectively to the current uses and abuses of drugs, alcohol, and mood altering substances by members of our entire parish/student population.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Staff - any teacher, coach, or assistant, paid or volunteer, working with students in the name of the parish.

Student - any member of our parish or school up to and including 18 years of age.

Drug/mood altering substance/alcohol - shall include any alcohol or malt beverage or any drug listed in Act 64(1972) as a controlled substance, chemical, abused substance or medication for which a prescription is required under the law and/or any substance which is intended to alter the mood.

Tobacco, dip - shall include any illegal or restricted substance used for smoking, chewing or dipping.

Distributing - deliver, sell, pass, share, or give any alcohol, drug, mood altering substance as defined by this policy, from one person to another or to aid therein.

Possession - possess or hold without any attempts to distribute any alcohol, drug, mood altering substance determined to be illegal or as defined in this policy.

Cooperative Behavior - shall be defined as the willingness of a student to work with staff and school personnel in a reasonable and helpful manner, complying with requests/recommendations of the staff and school personnel.

Uncooperative Behavior - is resistance or refusal, either verbal, physical, or passive on the part of the student to comply with the reasonable request or recommendations of school personnel. Defiance, assault, deceit, and truancy shall constitute examples of uncooperative behavior. Uncooperative behavior shall include the refusal to comply with recommendations of a licensed drug and alcohol facility.

Drug Paraphernalia - includes any utensil or item which, in the school's or parish's judgment, can be associated with the use of drugs, alcohol, or mood altering substances. Examples include, but are not limited to, roach clips, pipes, papers, and bowls.

Suspicion - this means there is a present observable student behavior and/or appearance that warrants the suspicion. Rumors are not classified as suspicion.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

A student, who on school/parish grounds or anywhere at a school/parish-sponsored activity, is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or mood altering substances or possesses, uses, dispenses, sells or aids in the procurement of alcohol, narcotics, restricted drugs, mood altering substances, or any substance purported to be a restricted substance or over-the-counter drug, shall be subject to discipline pursuant to the provisions and procedures outlined in this policy. This shall include tobacco in all its forms.

SPECIFIC RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES REGARDING ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

A student contacts a staff member in regard to his/her personal drug or alcohol use.

- 1 The student is informed of resources available and encouraged to seek assistance.

A student has a drug/alcohol related medical emergency.

1. The nurse will be summoned. Student will be transported to a medical facility.
2. The principal/priest/CYO staff member or other administrator will investigate the incident. This may include a search of the student, student's desk, school bag, and other possessions.

3. The principal/staff member calls the parents to inform them of the health problem/medical emergency.
4. Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.

A student possesses drug-related paraphernalia. No evidence of use.

1. The principal/priest/CYO staff member or other administrator is summoned.
2. The paraphernalia is confiscated.
3. The principal/staff member investigates the incident. This may include a search of the student, student's desk, school bag, and other possessions.
4. The principal/staff member calls the parents to inform them of the incident.
5. The student is informed of the disciplinary consequences of his/her behavior.
6. The student is referred to a certified drug/alcohol counselor for mandatory drug counselling.
7. Disciplinary action: the student will be suspended from school for one day and from school/parish activities for two weeks.
8. Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.

A student possesses, uses, or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. First offense. Cooperative behavior.

1. Principal/priest/CYO staff member or other administrator is summoned.
2. The substance is confiscated.
3. The principal/staff member investigates the incident. This may include a search of the student, student's desk, school bag, and other possessions.
4. The principal/staff member calls the parents to inform them of the incident.
5. The student is informed of the disciplinary consequences of his/her behavior.
6. The student is referred to a certified drug/alcohol counselor for mandatory drug counselling.
7. Disciplinary action:
First time: the student will be suspended from school for two days and from school/parish activities for a month.
8. Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.

Second offense

1. The principal/priest/CYO staff member or other administrator is summoned.
2. The substance is confiscated.
3. The principal/staff member investigates the incident. This may include a search of the student, student's desk, school bag, and other possessions.
4. The principal/staff member calls the parents to inform them of the incident.
5. The student is informed of the disciplinary consequences of his/her behavior.
6. The pupil is suspended from school/parish activities until he/she receives an assessment from a certified drug/alcohol treatment center and abides by their recommendation. The parents and student must agree to share the findings with the school.
7. The parents and student will follow the recommendations of the assessment.
8. Disciplinary action:
Second time: the student will be suspended from school for three days and from school/parish activities for an academic quarter(nine weeks).
Third time: the student will be expelled from school and school/parish activities.
9. Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.

A student possesses, uses, or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. First offense. Uncooperative behavior.

1. The principal/priest/CYO staff member or other administrator is summoned.
2. The substance is confiscated.
3. The principal/staff member investigates the incident. This may include a search of the student, student's desk, school bag, and other possessions.
4. The principal/staff member calls the parents to inform them of the incident.
5. The student is informed of the disciplinary consequences of his/her behavior.
6. If the student refuses to cooperate, he/she will be subject to expulsion from school and parish activities.

7.. Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.

A student found in the act of distributing alcohol and/or drugs within the area of the school's jurisdiction will immediately be expelled from school and parish activities.