DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRUGS/ALCOHOL/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

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		227. DRUGS/ALCOHOL/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
1.	Purpose	The Board recognizes that the abuse of drugs and alcohol is a serious problem with legal, physical and societal implications for the whole school community. As an educational institution, the district will strive to prevent abuse of such substances.
2.	Definitions 35 P.S. 780-101 et seq 42 P.S. 8337 21 U.S.C. Sec. 812	For purposes of this policy, drugs shall mean all controlled substances prohibited by law; any prescription or patent drug; any steroid or other substance intended to enhance physical or athletic performance, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to board policy; any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as, but not limited to, glue and aerosol products; all look-a-like drugs; and all alcoholic beverages.
3.	Authority SC 510, 511 Title 22 Sec. 12.3	The Board prohibits the use or ingestion, possession, distribution or transmission of drugs; being under the influence of drugs; attempts to use or ingest, possess, distribute or transmit drugs; and/or, assisting, aiding or participating in the use or ingestion, possession, distribution or transmission of any drug during school hours, on school district owned or leased property or vehicles, or at any school-sponsored activities, or during the time spent traveling to and from school and school-sponsored activities.
		The Board also prohibits the possession, use, or distribution or transmission; attempts to possess, use, or distribute or transmit; and/or assisting, aiding or participating in the possession, use, or distribution or transmission of drug paraphernalia.
4.	Guidelines	Reasonable Suspicion/Testing
		If based on the student's behavior, medical symptoms, vital signs or other observable factors, the building principal has reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the student may be required to submit to drug or alcohol testing. The testing may include but is not limited to the analysis of blood, urine, saliva, or the administration of a Breathalyzer test.

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Consequences
Consequences can range from detention through suspension through expulsion.
References:
Controlled Substances Act – 21 U.S.C. Sec. 801; 812
PA Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act – 35 P.S. 780-101 et seq
PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees Relating to Drug or Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337
School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 511, 1303-A
State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3; 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1