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# NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203

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Board of Education Policy 7-190

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## **STUDENTS SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

The use of alcohol and other prohibited substances is illegal and a health hazard to adolescents. Prohibited substances include unlawful drugs, prescription drugs not used or intended to be used in accordance with the prescription, and over-the-counter drugs not used or intended to be used as directed. New Trier's primary purpose is to help the individual student and to maintain a wholesome climate in the school community.

Students are prohibited from possessing, using, being under the influence of, or distributing alcohol or other prohibited substances in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at any school event or activity. Possession or distribution of look-alike drugs or drug paraphernalia in these locations is also prohibited. When an administrator has a reasonable suspicion that a student is under the influence of alcohol while on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at any school event or activity, the administrator may require the student to submit to a breathalyzer test. In addition to instituting disciplinary proceedings, school officials will also deny attendance at any school program or function to students who appear to be under the influence of, or who are in possession of, alcohol or other prohibited substances.

A student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary consequences. When the student possesses prohibited substances with an intent to distribute or sell them, or in other circumstances where the student's conduct is especially culpable, more serious consequences, up to and including expulsion from school, may be recommended. Parents/guardians and law enforcement authorities shall be notified promptly of such misconduct.

Because of the District's concern for the health and safety of its students and in an effort to deter student drinking, students and guests who attend school events (e.g. football games, prom, etc.) may be subject to random breathalyzer testing. Refusal to participate in or a positive test result to a random breathalyzer test will result in the student being denied the privilege of attending the school event. A positive test result to a random breathalyzer test may result in additional consequences such as attendance at an alcohol education program, meetings with the Student Assistance Program coordinator, or other intervention, and will constitute a violation of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

The Administration is directed to remind students and their parents or guardians of this policy and accompanying guidelines at least once each school year through a communication to each home.

**Legal References: 720 ILCS 6351/1**

**Cross References: Policy 7-200, Policy 7-210, Policy 7-220, Policy 7-230**

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