POLICY STATEMENT 349

SUBJECT: SUBSTANCE ABUSE (DRUGS AND ALCOHOL)

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Statement:

The Superintendency recognizes that a school environment that is free from the influence of alcohol and illegal drugs. Also, we seek to have the students understand the harmful effects of these substances, and, because of the potential for harm these substances imply, we prescribe consequences for their use at school or at school sponsored events at any site.

605.1 In accordance with approved curricula, the Principal shall ensure that all students receive information concerning the harmful effects of alcohol and illegal drugs.

605.2 The Principal shall ensure that proper procedures are in place to deal with any student who attends school or a school sponsored event while in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol or illegal drugs. The Principal shall ensure that all staff are aware of these procedures.

605.3 A student who attends school or a school sponsored event while in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol or illegal drugs, shall be suspended for a minimum of five (5) school days. Parents/guardians shall be notified immediately by telephone and letter. Recommendations for suspensions beyond 5 days must be approved by the Director of Education.

605.4 A student who is found guilty of distributing illegal drugs or alcohol, or who has had a previous suspension under 605.3 above, shall be suspended and the case shall be transferred to the office of the Director of Education.

605.5 The Principal shall contact police as appropriate or required. Police involvement does not preclude the Principal from applying the consequences detailed in 605.3 and 605.4 above.

605.6 Students who are found under the influence, in possession of or distributing drugs shall be directed to use available counselling services.