		Policy No.	227
KEYSTONE OAKS SCHOOL DISTRICT		Section	PUPILS
Policy		Title	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/ <u>PARAPHERNALIA</u>
Guide	SCHOOLS	Adopted	AUGUST 21, 1989

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	POLICY NO. 227 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/PARAPHERNALIA	
Section 1	<u>Purpose</u>	
	The Board recognizes that the use and abuse of controlled substances as defined in this policy is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community. As an educational institution, the schools shall strive to prevent abuse of controlled substances. The purpose of this policy is to prohibit student possession, use and/or distribution of controlled substances, except as permitted by applicable state or federal law and Board policy.	Pol. 210, 210.1
Section 2	<b>Definitions</b>	
	For purposes of this policy, controlled substances shall include :	35 P.S. 780-102 21 U.S.C. 812
	1. Any controlled substances prohibited by federal or Pennsylvania state laws.	21 0.5.C. 812
	2. Look-alike drugs.	
	3. Alcoholic beverages.	
	4. Anabolic steroids.	
	5. Drug Paraphernalia.	
	6. Any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products.	

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	<ol> <li>Substances that when ingested cause a physiological effect that is similar to the effect of a controlled substance as defined by state or federal law.</li> </ol>	
	8. Prescription or nonprescription (over-the-counter) medications, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy.	Pol. 210, 210.1
	For purposes of this policy, <b>under the influence</b> shall include any consumption or ingestion of controlled substances by a student.	
	For purposes of this policy, <b>look-alike drug</b> shall include any pill, capsule, tablet, powder, plant matter or other item or substance that is designed or intended to resemble a controlled substance prohibited by this policy, or is used in a manner likely to induce others to believe the material is a controlled substance.	
Section 3	<u>Authority</u>	
	The Board prohibits students from using, possessing, distributing, and being under the influence of any controlled substances during school hours, at any time while on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, and during the time spent traveling to and from school and to and from school- sponsored activities.	SC 510, 511 22 PA Code 12.3
	The Board may require participation in substance use assessment, drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into the school's educational, extracurricular or athletic programs resulting from violations of this policy.	
	In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the district shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.	20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq 22 PA Code 10.23 Pol. 103.1, 113.1, 113.2, 805.1

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	Off-Campus Activities	
	This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property or during non-school hours to the same extent as provided in Board policy on student discipline.	Pol. 218
Section 4	Delegation of Responsibility	
	The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to identify and control substance abuse in the schools which:	
	1. Establish procedures to appropriately manage situations involving students suspected of using, possessing, being under the influence, or distributing controlled substances.	SC 1306.2-B, 1319- B 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337
	2. Disseminate to students, persons in parental relation and staff the Board policy and administrative regulations governing student use of controlled substances.	
	3. Provide education concerning the dangers of abusing controlled substances.	
	4. Establish procedures for education and readmission to school of students convicted of offenses involving controlled substances.	
Section 5	<u>Guidelines</u>	
	Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution.	Pol. 218, 233, 236
	The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report required incidents and may report discretionary incidents involving the prohibited possession, use or sale of controlled substances on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.	SC 1306.2-B, 1319- B 22 PA Code 10.2, 10.21, 10.22 Pol. 805.1

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The Superintendent or designee shall notify the person in parental relation of any student directly involved in an incident involving the prohibited possession, use or sale of controlled substances as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the person in parental relation when the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the person in parental relation.	22 PA Code 10.2, 10.25 Pol. 805.1
In accordance with state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of prohibited possession, use or sale of controlled substances to the PA Department of Education on the required form.	SC 1306.2-B, 1319- B Pol. 805.1
In all cases involving students and controlled substances, the need to protect the school community from undue harm and exposure to drugs shall be recognized.	
No student may be admitted to a program that seeks to identify and rehabilitate the potential abuser without the intelligent, voluntary and aware consent of the student and person in parental relation.	
Anabolic Steroids	
The Board prohibits the use of anabolic steroids by students involved in school related athletics, except for a valid medical purpose. Body building and muscle enhancement, increasing muscle bulk or strength, or the enhancements of athletic abilities are not valid medical purposes. Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid.	35 P.S. 807.1
Students shall be made aware of the dangers of steroid use; that anabolic steroids are classified as controlled substances; and that their use, unauthorized possession, purchase, or sale could subject students to suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.	35 P.S. 807.2 Pol. 233
The Board prohibits coaches, sponsors, and other representatives of the District from encouraging, supplying, promoting, or condoning the use of performance or body enhancing drugs (prescription and non-prescription) or supplements.	

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	Reasonable Suspicion/Testing	
	If based on a student's behavior, medical symptoms, vital signs or other observable factors, the building principal has reasonable suspicion that a student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the principal is to alert the Superintendent. Based on the Superintendent's recommendation, 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.	
Section 6	Prevention/Awareness	
	A major function of the school in a drug and alcohol related situation is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of its students and staff, with consideration being given to the overall process of education and the safeguarding of school property.	
	Prevention efforts are to be directed toward the dissemination of information that increases the level of awareness of students and persons in parental relation. Prevention also focuses on the implementation of developmental experiences which enhance the ability of students to make responsible decisions.	Pol. 236, 236.1
	The District's professional staff operates under the concept of "in loco parentis." The concept provides school personnel with certain rights and responsibilities similar to that of the person in parental relation. It permits administrators and staff to take action necessary to protect and educate each student on a day-to- day basis.	

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