

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #64 (2005-2006)

October 24, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD POLICY REVISIONS-APPENDIX A- STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES-14 DRUGS AND ALCOHOL (b) (FIRST READING)

*ASD Goal: Ensure public accountability through... effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board adopt on First Reading the recommended policy changes for School Board Policy -Appendix A - Student Rights and Responsibilities - 14. Drugs and Alcohol (b).

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Policy subcommittee voted unanimously at the September 15, 2005 School Board Policy subcommittee meeting for the proposed changes in the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities. - 14. Drugs and Alcohol (b).

Revisions

There are several changes to this section of the policy. The first substantive change in sentence five clarifies that by state law the District is not liable for accidents, injuries, illness, or death related to the self-administration of medication by a student.

In sentence six, the second substantive change stipulates that violations to this section of the policy may be subject to the cumulative drug/alcohol discipline policy. Recent incidents in which over-the-counter medication was used in quantities that could induce an altered state and be dangerous to the user have made it clear that in some cases the appropriate sanction for that type of situation should be under the cumulative violation policy.

In the last sentence, by state law, disciplinary action may not limit or restrict a student's immediate access to a prescribed asthma inhaler or auto-injectable epinephrine.

Attachment

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## Student Rights and Responsibilities

## 14. Drugs and Alcohol

(b)

Use or possession of over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs prescribed to that student, vitamins, and other nutritional supplements is subject to control by the District. Such items must be turned over to the school nurse or designated staff person and used only under school supervision. ~~Inhalers and similar medical devices may be kept and used by students with permission from the school nurse. Violations of this paragraph are subject to disciplinary action but are not subject to the cumulative violation policies described above.~~ Asthma inhalers and autoinjectable epinephrine may be kept and used by students with permission from the principal following submission of required documentation for the self-administration of medication. This documentation, and procedures for its completion, are available at the school office and must be submitted each school year. **By law, the District is not liable for accidents, injuries, illness, or death related to the self-administration of medication by a student.** Violations of this paragraph are subject to disciplinary action and ~~are not subject to~~ may be subject to the cumulative violation policies described above. **Disciplinary action may not limit or restrict a student's immediate access to a prescribed asthma inhaler or auto-injectable epinephrine.**

Note: AS 14.30.141
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