

# RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Alcohol and Substance Abuse

POLICY # 5312.1

The Board of Education of the Red Hook Central School District is committed to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use/abuse.

No person may use, possess, sell, or distribute alcohol or other substances, or use or possess drug paraphernalia on school grounds or at school-sponsored events except as provided in this policy. The terms “alcohol and other substances” shall be construed throughout this policy to refer to the use of all substances including, but not limited to, alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-a-likes, and any of those substances commonly referred to as “designer drugs.” The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be prohibited. Drugs prescribed by a physician may be used on school grounds or at a school sponsored event only under the supervision of the school nurse in accordance with the state department of health, the state department of education, and Red Hook Central School’s “Requirements for Administration of Internal Medication” (See Attachment A).

Additionally, any intoxicated person or person found to be or under the influence of the aforementioned substances is prohibited from entering school grounds.

### RATIONALE

The District will use the following principles as guides for the development of its substance use/abuse prevention efforts and for any disciplinary measures related to alcohol and other substances:

- \* Abuse of alcohol and other substances interferes with the educational process and inhibits the District from carrying out its central mission.
- \* Substance use/abuse is preventable and treatable.

It is therefore appropriate that the district assume a leadership role in education about and prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use/abuse.

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