

Tobacco, Drugs and Alcohol

The Belmont Public Schools prohibits the use, possession, or distribution of tobacco, tobacco products, illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages and intoxicants, prescription drugs not prescribed for the individual, or drug paraphernalia on school property, in connection with any school-sponsored activity, on school buses or in cars going to or from any place where students are present at an activity sponsored by the Belmont Public Schools. Use and/or possession of all other medication is governed by the Belmont Public School Nursing Protocols and Procedures.

Individuals violating this policy will face disciplinary action, and those who violate state law will be reported to local police.

The Superintendent shall insure that this policy is promulgated to all staff and students in appropriate handbook(s) and publications. Signs shall be posted in all school buildings informing the general public of the district policy and the requirements of state law. The district shall file a copy of this policy with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in accordance with the law in a manner requested by DESE.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

References:

M.G.L. 71:2A; Student use of tobacco products
71:96; Substance abuse prevention and abuse education policies for public schools
71: 37H; Conduct of teachers or students –controlled substances
270: 22; Smoking in public places
272:40A; Alcoholic beverages on school premises
Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988; 21 USC 1501
Belmont School Nursing Protocols and Procedures, as amended from time to time, available from school nurses and the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Policy 5013: Student Discipline

Policy 5005: Student Health and Wellness