

POLICY

Board of Education Bernards Township

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DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

The Board of Education prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of any controlled dangerous substance by any person in any school building, on school grounds, or during any activity or event sponsored by the Board.

Every employee of this District must, as a condition of employment, agree to be bound by this policy. An employee who violates the prohibitions or reporting requirements of this policy will be subject to discipline, which may include dismissal or certification of tenure charges, as appropriate. An employee whose involvement with drugs results in a conviction for a crime of the third degree or above or for an offense touching his or her position will be deemed to have forfeited his or her public employment, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:51-2.

An employee who is convicted of a drug related offense must report the conviction to the Superintendent within five days of its occurrence. The Superintendent will, within ten days of the date on which notice of the conviction is received, report any such conviction resulting from drug use in the workplace to any federal agency from which the district has received funds through a grant.

The Board directs the Superintendent to establish and maintain a program to:

- Alert employees as to the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
- Inform employees of the prohibitions against drugs set forth in this policy.
- Inform employees of available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and assistance programs.
- Warn employees of the penalties that may be imposed for violations of prohibitions set forth in this policy.

The Board will report to law enforcement officials and prosecute as appropriate any employee or visitor who violates the prohibitions of this policy. A pupil who violates this policy will be treated in accordance with law and Policy No. 5530 and No. 9322.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

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This policy will be made available to each district employee, including all those engaged in the performance of services under a federal grant, and will be prominently posted in the district.

LEGAL: Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, P.L. 100-690
34 CFR 85.600 et seq.
N.J.S.A. 2C:33-15 et seq.
N.J.S.A. 24:21-2 et seq.

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