

**GBEC - USE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS BY EMPLOYEES
(DRUG FREE WORKPLACE)**

Student and employee safety is a paramount concern to the Highmore-Harrold School Board. Employees under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs are a serious risk to themselves, to students, and to other employees. Therefore, the school board will not tolerate the unlawful manufacture, use, possession, sale, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs. Any employee who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include dismissal, and referral to law enforcement for prosecution. Each employee of the district is hereby notified that, as a condition of employment, the employee must abide by the terms of this policy and will report to the superintendent any criminal alcohol and/or other drug statute convictions for any alcohol and/or drug violation occurring in or on the premises of this school district, or while engaged in regular employment. Such notification must be made by the employee to the superintendent no later than five (5) days after conviction. Should the affected employee be the superintendent, s/he will report to the board no later than the next regular meeting of the board.

Within thirty (30) days after receipt of information concerning an alleged or proven violation(s) of this policy, the district will take appropriate disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment, requiring the employee to participate in alcohol and/or other drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation programs, and possible referral for prosecution.

All employees will attend district alcohol and/or drug-free awareness programs at which employees will be informed about the dangers of alcohol and/or other drug use/abuse, this policy of maintaining an alcohol and/or other drug-free environment, available alcohol and/or other drug counseling; rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and the disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed upon employees for alcohol and/or other drug use/abuse violations.

The school board recognizes that employees who have an alcohol and/or other drug use/abuse problem should be encouraged to seek professional assistance. An employee who requests assistance shall be referred to a treatment facility or regional agency to assist him/her in their choice of a service provider.

When a staff member has consumed alcoholic and/or illegal drugs off school property and/or before a school activity, the staff member will not be allowed on school property or to participate in school activities. Staff members who violate this regulation will be subject to the same disciplinary sanctions as for possession or consumption on school property.

The school board hereby commits itself to a continuing good faith effort to maintain a drug-free environment.

LEGAL REFS.: Public Law 100-690

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