AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

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227. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that the abuse of controlled substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community. As the educational institution of this district, the schools should strive to prevent abuse of controlled substances. The educational program should address the physical and psychological dangers caused by such abuse.
2. Definition 42 P.S. §8337; Pol. 210; 35 P.S. §780-101 et seq.	For purposes of this policy, controlled substances shall mean: all dangerous controlled substances prohibited by federal, state or local law, all "look alike" drugs, all alcoholic beverages, any drug paraphernalia, and any prescription drug, or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted, and any anabolic steroids.
3. Authority 22 Pa. Code §12.3	The Board prohibits the use, possession, distribution, being under the influence of any controlled substance or possession with the intent to distribute any controlled substance during travel to and from school; on school property; at any school sponsored event, including traveling to and from any event; and on a school bus/van. (The Board's "controlled substance prohibition"). Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken by the Board as outlined in the student Code of Conduct, which is in compliance with all laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (including Act 93 and Act 104). Student Assistant Teams consisting of specially trained school personnel will be established in order to ensure appropriate identification, interventions, and support for "AT RISK" students.
22 Pa. Code §12.12 42 P.S. §8337	The privileged confidentiality between students and guidance counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, home and school visitors, drug and alcohol counselors, student assistance team members, and other school employees shall be respected and no confidential communication made to any such employee shall be required to be revealed without the consent of the student or his/her parent unless the best interests of the student can be served only by doing so.

4. Responsibility 42 P.S. 8337	All personnel of the district's schools shall report to their immediate supervisor any student, employee or other person who violates the Board's controlled substance prohibition. The supervisor shall report such information to the Superintendent immediately and confirm the same in writing as soon as possible relating the specific sequence of events in each case. The supervisor or the Superintendent will immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency in any case involving persons not related to the district.
24 P.S. §13-1303-A	Incidents of possession, use or sale of controlled substances by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.
5. Guidelines	The following procedures and consequences shall result from a student's first violation of the Board's controlled substance prohibition:. <u>First Offense</u> **Immediate** Parents or guardians shall be immediately contacted by building administration and the student shall be sent home or removed from the school for medical attention, if necessary. If parents or guardians cannot be reached, the decision to get medical attention for the student or to isolate the student from other students shall be made by school administration. The police department having jurisdiction over the area in which the school is located shall be notified by the Superintendent or his/her designee and the student shall be referred for appropriate action. The student initially will be suspended ten (10) school days during which time an informal hearing will be scheduled. Any student convicted of any controlled substance offense shall have his/her driving license suspended under Act 92 of 1989. <u>Informal Hearing</u> Within the three (3) day suspension period above, preferably the day of or after the occurrence, an informal hearing shall be held with student, his/her parents or guardian, local police department representative, the school administration and any other person who in the judgment of the administration could make contributions to aid in determining a course of action. As a result of the meeting, the school district shall do one or more of the following:

	1. Refer the student to district personnel for counseling. Appropriate staff members may constitute one or more of the following: a. Pupil Services Director b. School Nurse c. Student's Guidance Counselor d. School Psychologist e. Student Assistance Program Coordinator f. Student Assistance Team g. Other appropriate trained staff members selected by the principal. 2. Require the student, under parental supervisor, to obtain guidance or psychological counseling from an outside professional agency. Confirmation of such contact shall be required to be submitted to the school administration within a prescribed time. Failure to comply within the prescribed time will be cause for suspension within the guidelines of this policy. 2a. Possible Outside Contacts (With Parent Consent): 1. Juvenile Probation Officer 2. Physician 3. Psychologist or Psychiatrist 4. Appropriate local and state rehabilitation centers. 2b.. Confirmation of such contact shall be required to be submitted within a prescribed time. Failure to do so will be cause for suspension within the guidelines of this policy. 1. Other agencies identified by the Chester County Drug and Alcohol Commission. 2. Full suspension for up to ten (10) school days 3. Referral to the District Hearing Committee for an expulsion meeting 4. Any other action determined appropriate by the situation. (Alternative School)

	Second Offense The following procedures and consequences shall result from a student's second violation of the Board's controlled substance prohibition: 1. Immediate Suspension from School 2. Informal Hearing
Pol. 233	3. Referral to the District Hearing Committee for an expulsion hearing 4. Referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency with the strong recommendation that the student be prosecuted 5. Placement in an Alternative School. Distribution or Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance The following procedures and consequences shall result from a student's distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance in violation of the Board's controlled substance prohibition: 1. Immediate Suspension from School 2. Informal Hearing 3. Referral to the District Hearing Committee for an expulsion hearing 4. The strong recommendation that the student be prosecuted 5. Placement in an Alternative School. Prohibition Of Anabolic Steroids
35 P.S. §807.2	Eligibility for participation in school athletics shall be limited. No student shall be eligible to resume participation in school athletics unless there has been a medical determination that no residual evidence of steroids exists. The Board may require participation in any drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into a school athletic program. The use of steroids by students involved in athletics is prohibited. In addition to the prohibition of use, the Board directs the administration to develop educational plans regarding the use of anabolic steroids.

	The Superintendent shall prescribe, implement and enforce rules and regulations to prohibit the use of anabolic steroids, except for a valid medical purpose, by any student involved in school-related athletics. Body building and muscle enhancement of athletic ability are not valid medical purposes. Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid under the provisions of the law. Education regarding the dangers of anabolic steroids shall be provided in other district controlled substance (drug and alcohol) programs. The following minimum penalties are prescribed for any student found in violation of the anabolic steroid rules and regulations required above. Violation of those rules and regulations include: 1. For a first violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season. 2. For a second violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season and for the following season. 3. For a third violation, permanent suspension from school athletics.
Act 104 of 1989 42 P.S. 8337 Pol. 233	Students should be made aware that anabolic steroids are classified as controlled substances and that the use, unauthorized possession, purchasing, or selling could subject them to suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.