



SECTION: 510

TITLE: ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	I. PURPOSE	The Board recognizes that school authorities are dedicated to the welfare of	1
2		students of the Neshaminy School District. As the education institutions of	2
3		this District, schools shall strive to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all	3
4		concerned and to prevent abuse of controlled substances.	4
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6	II. DELEGATION OF	<u>Responsibility of School Personnel</u>	6
7	RESPONSIBILITY	All personnel of the Neshaminy Schools are to report to their immediate	7
8		supervisor any student or employee involved in the use, transfer,	8
9		possession, or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, or other	9
10		health endangering compounds while on or about the school property or	10
11		while on a school related function.	11
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13		All personnel of the Neshaminy Schools are to report to their immediate	13
14		supervisor any person who is not a student or employee and who is found to	14
15		be using, being under the influence, or giving a student or employee any	15
16		alcohol, drugs, narcotics, or health endangering compounds while on or about	16
17		the school property or while on a school related function.	17
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19		The supervisor is to report such information to the Superintendent	19
20		immediately and to confirm the same to the Superintendent as soon as	20
21		possible in writing, relating the specific sequence of events in each case.	21
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23		The Superintendent/Designee will immediately notify the appropriate	23
24		law enforcement agency in any case involving persons not related to the	24
25		district.	25
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27	42 P.S. 8337	<u>Students</u>	27
28		A student who, while under the school's jurisdiction, is found to possess, use,	28
29		abuse, or be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, narcotics, or other	29
30		health endangering compounds shall be subject to the following action:	30
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32	III. AUTHORITY	<u>Immediate Action</u>	32
33	SC 510, Title 22	• Parents or guardians shall be immediately contacted by administration	33
34	Sec. 12.3	and the student shall be sent home or removed from the school for	34
35		medical attention if necessary. If parents or guardians cannot be reached,	35

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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 designee and the student shall be referred for appropriate action.
- The student initially will be suspended for a minimum of three school days.
- Written verification indicating that parents have received written notification of the date, time, and location of the informal hearing must be obtained from the parents. (Certified mail is acceptable.)

Informal Hearing

- Within the suspension period an informal hearing shall be held with the 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 the course of action. For suspensions of four to ten days, an informal hearing must be held within the first five days of the suspension. As a result of the meeting, the administration may recommend one or more of the following:

- Full suspension for up to ten school days.
- Referral to the District Review Committee
- Referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency with strong recommendation that the student be prosecuted.
- Any other action determined appropriate by the situation such as, but not limited to, referral to student’s counselor, Student Assistance Program or Elementary Student Assistance Program.

Transfer or Intent to Transfer Drugs or “Look Alike Drugs”

A student who, while under the school’s jurisdiction, is found to transfer or intends to transfer drugs or shall be subject to the conditions outlined above. In the case of “look alike drugs,” the student may be subject to the conditions outlined above.

Procedures and Practices – Dealing with Suspects

All students and staff members of the Neshaminy School District shall report to the principal or designee any person suspected of soliciting, giving, being under the influence, or using alcohol or other drugs, narcotics, or other health endangering compounds on or about school property or while on school related functions.

- Persons who have been in a position to make such a report and have failed to do so shall be subject to disciplinary action by their immediate supervisor when reasonable evidence is presented indicating that such person has ignored the responsibility.

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- School administrative personnel shall have the authority to require students or other persons under the jurisdiction to submit to a thorough search of clothing, handbags, wallets, book bags, parked cars, backpacks, and locker, to take possession of any unauthorized materials suspected of being in their possession. Such searches shall be conducted with an appropriate witness who may be the parent or a staff member, and must not be conducted without reasonable suspicion. Whenever possible searches will be made by persons of the same sex, or a person of the same sex will be present as a witness.
- Searches may also include the use of a Breathalyzer or any device used to protect the health, safety and welfare of the school population.
- Students who refuse to submit to a reasonable cause search as outlined in this policy shall be immediately suspended from school and referred to the Superintendent's office for disposition which shall include any of the enumerated designations in the "Informal Hearing" section of this policy.
- Persons found to distribute, sell, possess, use, abuse, or be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, narcotics, or health endangering compounds are to be promptly subjected to the steps outlined in this policy.
- Persons who, after submitting to a search, are found not to be in possession of alcohol or other drugs, narcotics, or other health endangering compounds, are to be promptly excused and no further action is to be taken. A report of the incident shall be filed with the immediate supervisor for future reference, but shall not be retained for a period of more than one year from the date of the report if no similar instances are reported.

Medicine in the Schools (Storage and Taking of Medicine) All medicine taken in school is to be either stored or cleared through the nurse's office.

Students Who Come Voluntarily

A student seeking help and not under the influence of, or transferring, or in the possession of alcohol or other drugs, narcotics, or other health endangering compounds within the school, who comes or is referred to the principal, is not subject to the provisions of this policy, and will be referred to appropriate help.

Definitions and Procedures

- Superintendent refers to the Superintendent of Neshaminy School District or a designee.
- Building Administrator refers to the principal or designee.
- District Hearing Committee refers to a committee of School Board members specifically designated to deal with student discipline problems.
- Immediate Supervisor refers to administrative and supervisory members of the certified or service staff.

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- Alcohol and other drugs, narcotics, or health endangering compounds include but are not limited to alcohol, alcoholic beverages, tranquilizers, amphetamines, synthetic opiates, marijuana, LSD, and other hallucinogens, glue solvent-containing substances. A more specific and comprehensive list would include all substances identified in the following laws:
 - Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act 1971 (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) as amended.
 - Public Law 91-513 Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (Federal Law) as amended.
 - The Controlled Substance Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act of April (P.L. 233, No. 64) as amended.
- Look alike drugs are any substances manufactured or designated to resemble drugs, narcotics, or other health endangering compounds under Section E above.
- The determination of a person's "being under the influence" shall be made by administrators and staff.

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