

MINERSVILLE AREA 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 an educational institution, the schools shall strive to prevent abuse of controlled substances.
2. Definition 35 P.S. 780-101 et seq 42 P.S. 8337 Act.64 of 1972 42 P.S. 8337 Pol. 210	For purposes of this policy, controlled substances shall mean all: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dangerous controlled substances prohibited by law. 2. Look-alike drugs. 3. Alcoholic beverages. 4. Anabolic steroids. 5. Drug paraphernalia. 6. Any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products. 7. Prescription or patent drugs, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy.
3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3	The Board prohibits students from using, possessing, distributing, and being under the influence of any controlled substances during school hours, on school property, and at any school sponsored event. The Board may require participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into the school's educational, extracurricular or athletic programs.

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<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.12 42 P.S. 8337 Pol. 207</p>	<p>The privileged confidentiality between students and guidance counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, home and school visitors and other school employees shall be respected; and no confidential communication made to such employee shall be required to be revealed without the consent of the student or parent, unless the best interests of the student can be served only by such release.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 42 P.S. 8337</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall prepare rules for the identification, amelioration and control of substance abuse in the schools which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of using, possessing, being under the influence, or distributing controlled substances in school, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution. 2. Provide education concerning the dangers of abusing controlled substances. 3. Disseminate to students, parents and staff Board policy and district procedures governing student abuse of controlled substances. 4. Establish procedures for education and readmission to school of students convicted of offenses involving controlled substances.
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>Incidents of possession, use and sale of controlled substances, including alcohol, by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>In all cases involving students and controlled substances, the need to protect the school community from undue harm and exposure to drugs shall be recognized.</p> <p>No student may be admitted to a program that seeks to identify and rehabilitate the potential abuser without the intelligent, voluntary and aware consent of the student and parent or guardian.</p> <p><u>Anabolic Steroids</u></p>
<p>35 P.S. Sec. 807.1</p>	<p>The Board prohibits the use of anabolic steroids by students involved in school-related athletics, except for a valid medical purpose. 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.</p>

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Sec. 807.2
42 P.S. 8337
Pol. 233

Students shall be made aware of the dangers of steroid use; that anabolic steroids are classified as controlled substances; and that their use, unauthorized possession, purchase, or sale could subject students to suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.

Random drug testing will be done at various times throughout the school year on student athletes. The testing will be conducted by a district authorized facility.

35 P.S.
Sec. 807.3

The following minimum penalties are prescribed for any student athlete found in violation of the prohibited use of anabolic steroids:

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.

No student shall be eligible to resume participation in school athletics unless a medical determination has been submitted, verifying that no residual evidence of steroids exists.

School Code
510, 1303-A

PA Code
Title 22
Sec. 12.3, 12.12

PA Statute
35 P.S.
Sec. 780-101 et seq
Sec. 807.1, 807.2,
807.3
42 P.S. 8337

Other Cite
Act 64 of 1972

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