

Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District	<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE</b>	Policy # 5175C <b>[Required]</b>
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It is the policy of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District that no student shall knowingly be in the presence of, possess, use, sell, give or otherwise transmit, or be under the influence of any illegal drug, regulated substance, alcohol, or drug paraphernalia or mind/behavior altering substance on any school property, or at any school sponsored activity.

**1. Definitions**

a. **Drug(s)** as used in this policy includes any narcotic substance, hallucinogenic substance, any substance taken for the purpose of "getting high", and all chemical and controlled substances as defined by State or federal law, including, but not limited to, those described and/or listed in the schedules in the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. (812 (or successor statutes). Such drugs include, but are not limited to, substances commonly known as marijuana, LSD, cocaine, crack, heroin, amphetamine and methamphetamine, and barbiturates. The term "drug(s)" also includes all prescription medicines, except when used or possessed in accordance with the school prescription medication policy. (See: Policy 5176C)

b. **Alcohol and drug abuse** is defined as "the ingestion of a substance in such a way that it interferes with a person's ability to perform physically, intellectually, emotionally or socially." (VT Dept. of Ed. Reg #4211)

**2. Statements of Purpose**

a. **Educational Programs:** The Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District recognizes that all students have a right to receive an appropriate education in an alcohol free and drug free environment. Therefore, the Regional Governing Board will encourage educational programs that provide every student with an understanding of the physical, psychological, social and legal dangers associated with substance abuse in accordance with the K-12 Health curriculum as defined by the State K-12 Curriculum Plan.

b. **Prevention Education and Intervention:** Alcohol and drug abuse dependency are treatable health problems that are primarily the responsibility of the home and the community. The CDC shares this responsibility in the areas of prevention (education) and intervention (identification and referral) by providing a system for support and referral for students involved with alcohol or drug use on school property or at school functions due to their own or another(s) uses of alcohol or other drug.

Additionally the Board believes that the community and schools share in this responsibility because chemical problems interfere with behavior, learning, and the fullest possible development of each student.

c. Enforcement: Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action following the accompanying Administrative Regulations and Policy 5050C.

d. Students with Disabilities: If a student with a disability under the IDEA or Section 504 violates this policy, the Administration shall refer to Vermont Department of Education Special Education Regulations Section 4312 - Long-term Suspension or Expulsion of Students with a Disability or Students who are Disabled According to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

**Legal References:**

Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. §812

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