

Addendum to JSRHS Discipline Procedures Drug and Alcohol Policy

The John Stark School Board, administration, staff and students have a growing concern regarding the use or possession of drugs and/or alcohol on school grounds or at school sponsored events. The following changes in the JSRHS discipline policy reflect the strong stand the administration will take regarding students who are found to be under the influence or in possession of drugs and/or alcohol or in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Following appropriate due process, if a student is found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol or in possession of drugs, alcohol or drug paraphernalia, the following actions may be taken.

1. Administration will file a police report.
2. The student will be suspended twenty days following a due process hearing with the superintendent. The John Stark Drug and Alcohol counselor will be asked to attend that meeting with the student and parent. Should a 20 day suspension be imposed, the student will be asked to choose between counseling with a private counselor, at the student's expense, or sessions with the school's counselor. The purpose of the counseling is to assist the student in making healthy choices that do not include the use of controlled substances.
3. The student will meet with an administrator upon returning to school to develop a written plan for appropriate behavior and academic success.

The responsibility for arrangements for having assignments sent home during the suspension is the student's. Work must be turned in weekly, each Friday, in order to have it credited against a possible failure in each class. While a classroom experience cannot be duplicated for a student on suspension, teachers will make sufficient assignments available to a student on suspension so that he/she has the same opportunity of passing each quarter as a student who is attending class. If the assignments done by the student while on suspension raise his/her quarter grade to a 70 or above, a "P" (pass) will be entered on his/her transcript for that quarter.

If a student is found to have been distributing or selling drugs or alcohol or if a student has been found under the influence or in possession for a second time, all of the above apply and in addition, a disciplinary hearing will be scheduled with the School Board to consider a longer suspension or expulsion.

In addition to the disciplinary actions cited above, the administration will continue to take proactive preventative measures to discourage drug or alcohol use on school grounds or during any school sponsored events.