

Drug Abuse Policy (taken from *SHS Student Handbook*)

In general, drug abuse is defined as the illegal possession, sale or illicit use of drugs on school property by students or others. Student drug abuse may consist of any of the following:

- Illicit experimentation - illegal trial use of drugs
- Misuse - improper use of medication or use in excess of recommended dosage
- Abuse - repeated, excessive, illegal, non-prescribed use of drugs, short of dependence
- Dependence - a state of physical or psychic dependence, or both, upon a drug following administration of that drug on a repeated periodic or continuous basis

Regulations and Procedure regarding the illicit use of drugs:

- In general, problems and suspected problems in the illicit use of drugs will be handled according to the customary pattern of accident and illness procedures already in effect at each school.

If school personnel discover an instance of illicit drug use:

- Refer to school nurse
- School nurse notifies Principal
- Principal will notify the parents (and the counselors in the secondary schools)

If a student voluntarily tells a confidant on the school staff of a personal drug problem, the trust should be maintained, with the confidant making every effort to convince the student to either inform his parents or allow the confidant to do so. If this fails, the health and guidance staff should be prepared to direct a student to appropriate local resources. If a student's illicit use of drugs becomes evident and creates an emergency situation, the actions toward the student should be channeled through the school's health services.

Following an instance of suspected illicit use of drugs, the Principal will institute follow-up procedures that will include a review of the situation and consideration of appropriate action. Such action might include disciplinary measures, counseling and/or referral to other agencies, or notification of the police. If controlled or narcotic drugs are involved, an attempt should be made to determine whether they were for personal use or for distribution. If drugs were for distribution, the local police will be notified.

Regulations regarding the possession of controlled substances on school property or while the student is under school supervision:

- Handling controlled substances: The nurse and school principal or administrator shall be responsible for handling controlled substances. Any other persons in the schools who come into possession of controlled substances shall as soon as possible, turn them over to these designated persons. Receipts must be furnished upon presentation and demanded upon relinquishing possession. A procedure for maintaining confidentiality will be developed between the building administrators and local police department.
- Offenses should be reported to designated officials as follows:
 1. School personnel will report suspected possession or sale of controlled substance to the building principal.
 2. Upon observing a student in possession of controlled substances, school personnel should take immediate possession of the controlled substance and turn it over to the Principal.
 3. The Principal or his designee should turn over to police all controlled substances coming into his possession with information about how it was obtained.
- Under the supervision of the school administrator or his designee, student lockers, desks, or belongings, may be searched if the administrator has a reasonable suspicion a student may be in possession of drugs or contraband.

MIAA Regulations

62. Student Eligibility: Chemical Health/Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco

From the earliest fall practice date, to the conclusion of the academic year or final athletic event (whichever is latest), a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use, consume, possess, buy/sell, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product (including e-cigarettes, VAP pens and all similar devices); marijuana (including synthetic); steroids; or any controlled substance. This policy includes products such as “NA or near beer,” inhalants (defined as any substance that produces a mind-altering effect when inhaled), and misuse of over-the-counter medications and substances used for the purposes of altering one’s mental state. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student’s own use by his/her doctor.

1st Offense - 25%

<i># of Events / Season</i>	<i># of Events / Penalty</i>
1-7	1
8-11	2
12-15	3

2nd Offense - 60%

<i># of Events / Season</i>	<i># of Events / Penalty</i>
1-3	1
4	2
5-6	3
7-8	4
9	5
10-11	6
12-13	7
14	8

2nd Offense w/ Dependency Program - 40% (if in the program throughout the penalty period)

<i># of Events / Season</i>	<i># of Events / Penalty</i>
1-4	1
5-7	2
8-9	3
10-12	4
13-14	5

If a student in violation of this rule is unable to participate in interscholastic sports due to injury or academics, the penalty will not take effect until that student is able to participate again. During the suspension, the disqualified student may not be in uniform and his/her attendance at the competition site is determined by the high school principal. Penalties shall be cumulative each academic year, but serving the penalty could carry over for one year. Or, if the penalty period is not completed during the season of violation, the penalty shall carry over to the student’s next season of actual participation, which may affect the eligibility status of the student during the next academic year (e.g. A student plays only football: he violates the rule in winter and/or spring of the same academic year, he would serve the penalty during the fall season of the next academic year).

Acknowledgement of the *Drug Abuse Policy*

I acknowledge that I have read the *Drug Abuse Policy*, found on the Shrewsbury Crew website, of Shrewsbury High School and of the MIAA.

I have read and understand the contents of this document and will act in accord with these policies and procedures as a condition of my participation on the Shrewsbury High School Crew Team.

I understand that if I have questions or concerns at any time about the policy, I will consult with a member of the coaching staff for clarification.

Athlete's Signature _____

Printed Athlete's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

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