

Approved 7/30/86

Memorandum of Agreement  
Drug and Alcohol Procedures

1. Staff is asked to report to the Administration (Vice Principal/ Principal) any student who they suspect of being under the influence of or in possession of a controlled substance or alcohol.
2. The Administration will immediately summon appropriate personnel (i.e. nurse, guidance counselor, psychologist), and together they will interview the student.
3. If, in their judgment, there is reasonable suspicion of possession or influence of controlled substance or alcohol, the Principal will be summonsed (if not present). They will then conduct a search of the student and his/her possessions. (In accordance with the MA Department of Education guidelines.)
4. One of the following steps will be taken after this interview:
  - 4.1 If no substance is found and it is determined that the student is not under the influence, the student will be sent back to class and the parents will be notified of the suspicion and the search.
  - 4.2 If, in the judgment of the interviewer, the student is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, the parents will be contacted and asked to pick up the student. The student will be suspended for up to ten (10) days or until such time as an investigation can be conducted and the student is deemed ready for enrollment by the Principal or his/her designee. The Police Department will be summonsed and asked to investigate matters dealing with controlled substances and alcohol.
  - 4.3 If the student is found in possession of a controlled substance, or alcohol, both the police and parents will be summonsed immediately. The substance will be turned over to the police and the student will be suspended for up to ten (10) days or until such time as an investigation can be conducted and the student is deemed ready for enrollment by the Principal or his/her designee.
5. Students found to be under the influence of, or in possession of, a controlled substance or alcohol are referred to the school Guidance Department. If, in their judgment, the student is in need of outside counseling or rehabilitation he/she and their parents are referred to the appropriate agencies.

6. A medical examination may be suggested by the Administration for any student suspended for controlled substance/alcohol violation for the first time. For any repeat offender, second offense, a medical examination will be required before readmittance to school. Refusal to have the testing done, will result in the student being referred to the Superintendent of Schools for further action. The Superintendent may refer the matter to the Uxbridge School Committee. The purpose of this test is to determine the level of chemical dependence, in order to assist the district in determining the best program options available to the student. This applies for a student's entire school career.

We have read, and fully understand and support, the above stated Drug and Alcohol Procedures to be implemented in the Uxbridge Public Schools. Further, that we agree to coordinate our efforts in preventing student drug and alcohol use and abuse in the Town of Uxbridge.

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Chief of Police

8/30/86  
Date

John H. McInerney  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

9/8/86  
Date

Thomas J. McInerney  
Chairman, Uxbridge School Committee

9-10-86  
Date

Michael B. Moran  
Superintendent of Schools

9/10/86  
Date