

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
BOARD POLICY**

STUDENTS

STUDENT HEALTH & WELFARE STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DRUGS / ALCOHOL

CHEMICAL ABUSE, DEPENDENCY, AND AWARENESS

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The School District of Pittsville recognizes chemical dependency, including alcoholism, as a disease which is treatable. The School District further recognizes that this disease affects the dependent person and those persons surrounding the dependent both in the family, peer group, and on the job.

Chemical dependency and alcoholism involving students will be treated as a disease and every effort will be made to facilitate the dependent person entering into an active recovery program. The School District recognizes the need to help those students who are abusing alcohol or chemicals or are chemically dependent.

The School District will support students with chemical dependency, alcohol or chemical abuse problems by offering counseling, support, and education to these students, and to provide information and education to their families. The School District will develop a referral process for identifying chemical abusing and chemical dependent students, and will encourage assessment or treatment/counseling for those students identified through this process.

In the case of chemical dependent students who are seeking help for dependency, every effort will be made to provide an educational alternative that includes the recovery process, be it an in-patient or out-patient setting.

In the case of a family seeking help for a dependent student, the School District will provide guidance for the family and be active in the intervention process.

The School District may use whatever legal methods are at its disposal to bring awareness to students and their families that are refusing diagnostic assessment. This may include expulsion, suspension, recommend sending a student to a detoxification center or mandating diagnosis and/or treatment as a condition of a student's continuation in school when adequate reason exists to merit an investigation into a student's use of mood altering chemicals.

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