

REPORTING STUDENTS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF OR POSSESSING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES, OR NONINTOXICATING BEVERAGES

It shall be the policy of the Western Heights Board of Education that any teacher who has reasonable cause to suspect that a student may be under the influence of or said student has in his or her possession:

- (1) Alcoholic Beverages; or a
- (2) Low point beer
- (3) Controlled Dangerous Substance; or
- (4) Non-intoxicating Beverages

as the above are now defined by the state law, shall immediately notify the principal or his or her designee of such suspicions. The principal shall immediately notify the superintendent of schools and parents or legal guardian of said student of the matter.

Any suspension and/or search of said student shall be subject to any applicable school policy, state law of student handbook regulation.

Every Administrator, Teacher, or Counselor employed by the Western Heights Board of Education, who has reasonable cause to suspect that a student is under the influence of or has in his or her possession non-intoxicating beverages, alcoholic beverages, low point beer, or a controlled dangerous substance and who reports such information to the appropriate school official, court personnel, community substance abuse prevention and treatment personnel or any law enforcement agency, shall be immune from all civil liability.

No officer, employee, or member of the school board shall be subject to any civil liability for any statement, report, or action taken in assisting or referring for assistance to any medical treatment, social service agency or facility or any substance abuse prevention and treatment program any student reasonably believed to be abusing or incapacitated by the use of non-intoxicating beverages, alcoholic beverages, low point beer, or a controlled dangerous substance unless such assistance or referral was made in bad faith or with malicious purpose. No such officer, employee, member of the school board, school or school district shall be responsible for any treatment costs incurred by a student as a result of any such assistance or referral to any medical treatment, social service agency or facility, or substance abuse prevention and treatment program.

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