## 227. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

1. **Purpose**
   The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that the abuse of controlled substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community.

   Through the use of a coordinated plan with the home schools, employer, community support, a strong and consistent staff effort, and rehabilitative and disciplinary procedures, the school shall work to educate, prevent, and intervene in the abuse of all controlled substances by the entire student population.

2. **Definition**
   For purposes of this policy, **controlled substances** shall mean:

   - 1. All dangerous controlled substances prohibited by law.
   - 2. All look-alike drugs.
   - 3. All alcoholic beverages.
   - 4. Anabolic steroids.
   - 5. Any drug paraphernalia.
   - 6. Any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Joint Operating Committee policy.

3. **Authority**
   The Joint Operating Committee prohibits the possession, use, sale and distribution of any controlled substances during school hours, on school property, and at any school sponsored event.
The privileged confidentiality between students and guidance counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, home and school visitors and other school employees shall be respected; and no confidential communication made to any such employee shall be required to be revealed without the consent of the student or his/her parent, unless the best interests of the student can be served only by such release.

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Administrative Director shall prepare rules for the identification, amelioration and control of controlled substance abuse in the schools which shall:

1. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of possessing or distributing controlled substances in school, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution.

2. Discourage abuse of controlled substances.

3. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of abusing controlled substances to include referral to the CCTI SAP Team.

4. Establish and maintain a Student Assistance Program for CCTI students to assist with appropriate identification, intervention, referral and support for students.

5. Establish procedures for instruction and readmission to school of students convicted of offenses involving controlled substances.

Incidents of possession, use, sale and distribution of controlled substances including alcohol, by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.

5. Guidelines

In all cases involving students and controlled substances, the need to protect the school community from undue harm and exposure to drugs shall be recognized.

Violations of this policy, as defined and described within the Controlled Substances procedures in the Student Handbook, may result in referral to the CCTI Joint Operating Committee and/or the CCTI sending district Board of Education for permanent expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement. In the case of a disabled student, all steps necessary to comply with IDEA shall be followed.

The privacy rights of parents and students will be protected as required by law.

This policy will be implemented through the cooperative efforts of the faculty, administration, school employee groups, students, parents/guardians and community.