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STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE POLICY

The Bridgewater Village School regards the health, safety and well being of all students, staff and visitors to be of primary importance. It is the intent of this policy to be sensitive to each of these groups, while guaranteeing their right to due process.

The Bridgewater Village School Board recognizes that abuse of alcohol and other drugs/chemicals is a treatable health problem which at times involves conditions and violations of law, and that involvement with alcohol and other drugs can interfere with a student's academic, physical, emotional and social development. Further, the Board recognizes that the school district as well as the student, family and the community at large has a responsibility with regard to this treatable health problem.

Accordingly, the Bridgewater Village School Board makes a commitment to the health and well-being of its students through educational prevention and intervention programs and procedures, and to an academic environment free of alcohol and other drugs/chemicals.

The Board acknowledges the following school roles in accordance with Vermont Title 16 VSA, 1165, and subsequent State mandated substance abuse curriculum plans:

1. Educating students about alcohol and other drugs/chemicals
2. Responding to those whose use of alcohol and/or other drugs/chemicals interferes with school attendance and/or performance
3. Promoting a climate in which students can seek help if they are in distress from their own or others' use of alcohol and other drugs/chemicals
4. Supporting students recovering from dependency on alcohol and/or other drugs/chemicals

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