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2 Joint School District No. 2, Meridian

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4 STUDENT PERSONNEL

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8 Policy Title Drug & Alcohol Policy

Code No. 502.50

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11 PHILOSOPHY:

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13 The board of trustees recognizes that student use of chemical substances is a serious
14 problem of utmost concern in our society. Drug alcohol and tobacco use is detrimental
15 to a state of well-being and undermines the aim of education, which is to enable
16 individuals to develop to their full potential. The district seeks to ensure the highest
17 standards of learning in the classroom and recognizes that use of chemical
18 substances—including alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances and other substances as
19 defined in the policy—creates educational, economic and legal problems.

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21 ~~Joint School District No. 2 recognizes that substance abuse, the harmful use of drugs~~
22 ~~and alcohol, and the problems associated with it are becoming increasingly~~
23 ~~commonplace in our society. We recognize that a student's involvement with drugs and~~
24 ~~alcohol may cause problems in their daily lives. We also recognize that in many~~
25 ~~instances a student's involvement can lead to the illnesses of chemical dependency and~~
26 ~~alcoholism. We support prevention, early intervention, and appropriate referral. Our~~
27 ~~intent is to identify and document any behavior/appearance that would be considered~~
28 ~~problematic to the student. We will be involved in disciplinary action when needed.~~

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30 ~~We believe in the value of training employees to help recognize students in need and to~~
31 ~~increase awareness levels with respect to substance abuse. We wish to encourage~~
32 ~~continuing training in this area among employees through the district programs and~~
33 ~~through our employees' own efforts.~~

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35 ~~Joint School District No. 2 believes that, along with the parents and the community, the~~
36 ~~school has a role to play in helping students understand the health risks and total~~
37 ~~dangers of alcohol and drug use. Therefore, we will cooperate by acting as a resource~~
38 ~~to students, parents, and teachers. Our intent is to act as an educator, identifier,~~
39 ~~referring agent and to promote the safety, health, and well-being of our students.~~

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41 DEFINITIONS:

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43 1. Use: Whenever a student has consumed, taken, or is under the influence of
44 drugs or alcohol on or near district property (see definition), or is evidencing
45 behavior that creates a reasonable suspicion that he or she may be illegally
46 under the influence of drugs, any time during school hours or at a school
47 sponsored activity.
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49 2. Possession: To have drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol on your person or
50 within an area of your control including but not limited to car, locker, books, and
51 clothes on or near district property any time during school hours or at a school

- 52 sponsored activity, or during participation in a dual enrolled program as defined
53 in this policy.
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- 55 3. ~~Distribution/sale: To distribute or intend to distribute and/or sell alcohol or other~~
56 ~~controlled substances to other students or persons on or near district property~~
57 ~~during school hours or at a school sponsored event.~~ **To distribute or intend to**
58 **distribute/sell drugs/alcohol or controlled substances, or any substance available**
59 **with or without a prescription, that can be used in a manner detrimental to one's**
60 **health and in excess of recommended dosage to other students or persons on or**
61 **near district property during school hours or at a school sponsored event,**
62 **including dual-enrolled programs as defined in the policy.** It shall be presumed
63 that a student in possession of ~~alcoholic beverages or controlled substances~~
64 **these substances** in amounts in excess of that for personal one-time use, or such
65 amount of a controlled substance in conjunction with possession of any drug
66 paraphernalia including but not limited to scales, pipes, and/or plastic bags has
67 the intent to sell or deliver such controlled substance (See Policy 502.2 - Zero
68 Tolerance).
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- 70 4. ~~Controlled Substance: Any drug, obtainable with or without a prescription that~~
71 ~~can be used in a manner dangerous to the health of the user. This includes, but~~
72 ~~is not limited to marijuana, amphetamines (stimulants), barbiturates~~
73 ~~(depressants), cocaine, codeine, inhalants, heroin, and hallucinogens.~~ **Include,**
74 **but are not limited to, opiates, opium derivatives, hallucinogenic substances,**
75 **including cocaine, cannabis and synthetic equivalents of the substances**
76 **contained in the plant, any material, compound, mixture or preparation with**
77 **substances having a depressant effect on the central nervous system, and**
78 **stimulants.**
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- 80 5. ~~Drug/Alcoholic beverage: Any beverage that contains alcohol, including but not~~
81 ~~limited to beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor.~~ **Includes any alcohol or malt**
82 **beverage, any tobacco product, any controlled substance, any illegal substance,**
83 **any abused substance, any substance which is intended to alter mood, and any**
84 **medication not prescribed by a physician for the student in possession of the**
85 **medication. Also included are substances that can be obtained without a**
86 **prescription that, when used improperly or outside the recommended guidelines,**
87 **can be detrimental to one's health. This may include, but is not limited to**
88 **inhalants, over-the-counter cold medication, or performance enhancing**
89 **substances.**
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- 91 6. **Found:** Positive proof that the student has involvement in use, possession,
92 distribution of alcohol or other drugs. School property, such as lockers and
93 desks, are jointly held by the school and the pupil. School authorities have the
94 right to conduct general inspection of all such property on a regular basis.
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- 96 7. **Student Assistance Team:** A team approach to deal with students who are
97 having behavioral/substance abuse problems. The team is comprised of the
98 administrators, counselors, the school nurse, and the school psychologist.
99 Optional members may include teachers and the Student Resource Officer.
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- 101 8. **Intervention:** The process by which designated members of the management
102 Student Assistance Team share information and concerns about a student with

- 103 their parent(s) or guardian(s) and make recommendations for dealing with the
104 concern.
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- 106 9. Activities: Any school-sponsored event that takes place outside of the regular
107 school day and/or a school letter can be earned, i.e. band, choir, dances, debate,
108 drama, school clubs, sports, etc. Students who come under the disciplinary
109 procedures for Alcohol/Drugs or Tobacco are limited in practice or participation in
110 school activities outside of the regular class day according to grade level,
111 category and number of offense. If the event to be missed is counted as part of
112 the academic grade, i.e. band, choir, debate, the student will be given an
113 alternative activity to accommodate the grade.
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- 115 10. Under the influence: Any student judged to be under the influence of alcohol or
116 other controlled substance (as defined above) **will be subject to an evaluation by**
117 **a trained intervention counselor, the school nurse, administrator or designee.**
118 ~~regardless of any previous voluntary disclosure, will be deemed to be in violation~~
119 ~~of (Section 37-2732C, Idaho Code),~~ Upon completion of the school's evaluation,
120 the building designee may choose to initiate procedures to seek evaluation by a
121 Drug Recognition Expert or other law enforcement. The law enforcement
122 evaluation may result in the transfer of school custodial responsibility to that of
123 law enforcement in accordance with Section 20-516, Idaho Code. Any student
124 judge to be under the influence, regardless of any previous voluntary disclosure,
125 will be deemed to be in violation of Section 37-2732, Idaho Code.
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- 127 11. Voluntary Disclosure: A student voluntarily discloses use of alcohol or other
128 controlled substances (as defined above) during group or individual counseling
129 sessions at the school or in school associated programs will not be subject to
130 administrative or law enforcement procedures unless the student is in violation of
131 school policy at the time of the disclosure.
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- 133 12. Assessment: The process which includes an objective assessment tool which
134 gathers data relevant to major life areas to determine if a substance abuse
135 problem exists and to what extent. Assessments are given by professional,
136 certified evaluators who are independent of Joint School District No. 2 and are
137 free of charge to students enrolled in the district.
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- 139 13. Counseling Services: In an effort to maintain open communication, and to abide
140 by section 33-210, Idaho Code, group facilitators who receive the student
141 disclosure will be obligated to notify parents. This sharing of information with
142 parents serves to include the parents in the alcohol group counseling settings
143 must complete a Drug and Alcohol Assessment prior to inclusion. The
144 assessment defines levels of use and should be considered the baseline
145 requirement for a successful recovery plan. Students and parents wishing to
146 schedule an assessment may call their building counselor or drug prevention
147 specialist.
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- 149 14. **District property/dual-enrolled programs: includes all buildings, facilities, and**
150 **property owned or leased by the district, school buses, and other school vehicles,**
151 **and the location of any school sponsored activity or function including dual-**
152 **enrollment settings, that include but are not limited to, Meridian Night School,**
153 **Treasure Valley Math and Science, and the Dehryl Dennis Center.**

ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROCEDURES**KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE**

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160 1. **USE OR POSSESSION: FIRST OFFENSE** while in attendance at the
161 elementary level:

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163 Law enforcement (SRO) will be contacted immediately upon verification of the
164 violation. Parents will be notified and asked to make arrangements to have the
165 student sent home for the remainder of the day. If unable to go home, student
166 will be placed in detention for the remainder of the day.

167 The student will then receive in-school suspension for the following three (3)
168 days. During those three days, student will be required to do an assignment on
169 Drugs and Alcohol, either audio/visual or written (to be determined by the
170 principal or counselor). The written assignment will be on the effects of Drugs
171 and Alcohol on a child's life. The assignment should include physical and
172 emotional effects.

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174 Students will also be required to talk with the Resource Officer.

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176 Principal, counselor, or building team will schedule a parent conference within a
177 week of the offense to assess an appropriate plan and follow-up for student.

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179 If deemed necessary, student will be referred to a drug and alcohol assessment
180 provided by a State approved alcohol/drug agency in the community and
181 conducted by a Certified Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Counselor, at the family's
182 expense, and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to
183 the school district is required.

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185 2. **USE OR POSSESSION: SECOND OFFENSE** while in attendance at the
186 elementary level:

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188 Parents or guardians and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon
189 verification of the violation. Student will be suspended from school for five school
190 days. Suspension may be reduced to three (3) school days if student and
191 parents agree to a drug and alcohol assessment provided by a state approved
192 alcohol/drug agency in the community and conducted by a Certified
193 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse counselor, at the family's expense, and follow the
194 recommendations thereof. A release of information to the school district is
195 required.

196 Upon return to school, student will be required to:

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198 a. Attend small group and/or individual counseling to be assigned by school
199 counselor.
200 b. Perform five hours of service work for teachers, principal, or building
201 maintenance to be assigned and monitored by building administrator or
202 designee. Conference once a week with mentor assigned by building
203 administrator or designee for at least one semester following offense.
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205 3. **USE OR POSSESSION: THIRD OFFENSE** or additional offenses while in
 206 attendance at elementary level:

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208 Parents or guardians and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon
 209 verification of the violation. Student will be expelled from school for remainder of
 210 semester with a minimum expulsion of two (2) weeks . (In compliance with Idaho
 211 Code 33-205). Upon return to school, the student must: 1) attend small group
 212 and/or individual counseling with school counselor or psychologist for at least six
 213 (6) months following offense; 2) keep weekly appointments with mentor assigned
 214 by principal or building team for a minimum of six (6) months following offense; 3)
 215 present proof that a drug and alcohol assessment provided by the State
 216 approved alcohol/drug agency in the community has been completed and that
 217 the recommendations of the certified drug abuse/alcoholism counselor have
 218 been followed, at the family's expense.
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221 4. **DISTRIBUTION/SALE:** Any student found to be distributing or selling alcohol or
 222 other controlled substance (as defined above) may be referred to the district
 223 expulsion committee for expulsion. Law enforcement will be notified immediately
 224 (See Policy 502.2 - Zero Tolerance).
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ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PROCEDURES

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SIXTH - TWELFTH GRADE

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 230 1. **USE OR POSSESSION: FIRST OFFENSE** while in attendance at the middle
 231 school or high school level:

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233 Law enforcement and parents will be contacted immediately upon verification of
 234 the violation. The student and the parent may complete the following five
 235 requirements within 90 days or the student will be recommended for expulsion.
 236 The duration of the expulsion may be for the remainder of the semester; or if a
 237 minimum of twenty (20) school days remain in the present semester, the student
 238 may be recommended for expulsion for the next semester.
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- a. The student will receive suspension for the next five (5) school days.
- b. From the date of school notification, the student will be ineligible for participation in all school activities for a period of twenty eight (28) days. After the first fourteen (14) days, the student will be allowed to attend practices, but not participate in the activity itself.
- c. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class.
- d. The student and parent(s) will attend three (3) consecutive Parent Information classes.
- e. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a Certified Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Counselor made available during school hours and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information to the school district is required.

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 253 2. **USE OR POSSESSION: SECOND OFFENSE** while in attendance at the middle
 254 school or high school level:
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256 Parents and law enforcement will be contacted as soon as possible upon
 257 verification of the violation. The student will be recommended for expulsion from
 258 school for up to two (2) semesters.

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 260 3. **USE OR POSSESSION: ADDITIONAL OFFENSES** while in attendance at the
 261 middle school or high school level:

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 263 The same procedure will be followed as with the second offense.

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 265 4. **DISTRIBUTION/SALE:** Any student found to be distributing or selling, or
 266 intending to distribute or sell, alcohol or other controlled substance (as defined
 267 above) may be referred to the district expulsion committee for expulsion. Law
 268 enforcement will be notified immediately (See Policy 502.2 - Zero Tolerance).

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TOBACCO POLICY

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DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

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1. **FIRST OFFENSE** while in attendance at the elementary level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted upon verification of the violation. Student will be required to attend Tobacco Education Class with the Building Counselor. Individualized class will be held if there are not enough students for a group. Student will also receive three (3) days in-school suspension to be monitored by building administrator or designee.

2. **SECOND OFFENSE** while in attendance at the elementary level:

Parents and law enforcement will be contacted upon verification of the violation. Student will be suspended from school for five (5) school days. Suspension can

306 be reduced to three (3) school days if the student and parents agree to seek
307 assistance in quitting tobacco use and provide proof of completing a program.

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309 3. **THIRD OFFENSE** while in attendance at the elementary level:

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311 Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of
312 the violation. Student may be expelled from school for the remainder of the
313 semester and/or a minimum of ten (10) school days.

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SIXTH - TWELFTH GRADE

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318 1. **FIRST OFFENSE** while in attendance at the middle school or high school level:

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320 Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of
321 the violation. The student will receive in-school suspension for the remainder of
322 the school day. From the date of school notification, the student will be ineligible
323 for participation in all school activities for a period of fourteen (14) days. After the
324 first seven (7) days, the student will be allowed to attend practices, but not
325 participate in the activity itself. The student will be required to attend a Tobacco
326 Education class during four (4) consecutive after-school or evening sessions. If
327 the student fails to successfully complete the class within ninety (90) days, the
328 student will be suspended for three (3) school days.

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330 2. **SECOND OFFENSE** while in attendance at the middle school or high school
331 level:

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333 Parents and law enforcement will be contacted immediately upon verification of
334 the violation. The student will receive in-school suspension for the remainder of
335 the school day. From the date of school notification, the student will be ineligible
336 for participation in all school activities for a period of twenty-eight (28) days. After
337 the first fourteen (14) days, the student will be allowed to attend practices but not
338 participate in the activity itself. The student will receive in-school suspension for
339 five (5) school days, unless the student agrees to complete the following
340 requirements:

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342 a. The student will be required to attend an eight (8) session Insight class.

343 b. The student and parent(s) will attend three (3) consecutive Parent
344 Information classes.

345 c. The student will receive a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a
346 Certified Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Counselor made available during school
347 hours and follow the recommendations thereof. A release of information
348 to the school district is required.

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350 If the student fails to successfully complete the Insight class, or parent(s) and
351 student fail to successfully complete the Parent Information class, or meet the
352 assessment requirements within 90 days, the five (5) day suspension will go into
353 effect.

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355 3. **THIRD OFFENSE** while in attendance at the middle school or high school level:

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357 Parents and law enforcement will be contacted as soon as possible upon
 358 verification of the violation. The student may be recommended for expulsion for
 359 the duration of the semester or if twenty (20) school days or less remain in the
 360 current semester, the student may be recommended for expulsion for the next
 361 semester.
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363 4. **ADDITIONAL OFFENSES** while in attendance at the middle school or high
 364 school level:
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366 The same procedure will be followed as with the third offense.
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369 **STUDENT ACTIVITIES DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

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372 **SIXTH - TWELFTH GRADE**

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374 **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:**

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376 The use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages or other controlled
 377 substances any time during all extra curricular activities seasons (from the first to the last
 378 day that a team meets with its coach or advisor) is forbidden. If a student is documented
 379 or cited by law enforcement for use, possession, or distribution of alcohol or other
 380 controlled substances during his/her activity season, the following will occur:

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382 1. **FIRST OFFENSE:**

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384 From the date of school notification, the student will be ineligible for participation
 385 in all extracurricular activities, for a period of twenty-eight (28) days. After the
 386 first fourteen (14) days the student will be allowed to practice, but not participate
 387 in the activity itself. The student and parent(s) agree to complete the following:

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389 a. The student receives a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a
 390 Certified Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Counselor made available during school
 391 hours and follow the recommendations thereof.

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393 b. The student attends an eight (8) week Insight class.
 394 c. The student and parent(s) attend three (3) consecutive Parent Information
 395 classes.

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397 Failure to complete the conditions within ninety (90) days will result in an
 398 additional twenty-eight (28) days without practice or participation.

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400 2. **SECOND OFFENSE** during the current school year:

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402 The student will not be allowed to participate for the remainder of the school
 403 year.

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405 **STUDENT ACTIVITIES TOBACCO POLICY**

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408 **SIXTH - TWELFTH GRADE**

408 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

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410 The use, possession, distribution, or sale of all forms of tobacco any time during an
411 activities season (from the first to the last day that an organization meets with its coach
412 or advisor) is forbidden. If a student is documented or cited by law enforcement for use,
413 possession, or distribution of tobacco during his/her activity season, the following will
414 occur:

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416 1. **FIRST OFFENSE:**

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418 From the date of school notification, the student will be ineligible for participation
419 in all extracurricular activities for a period of fourteen (14) days. After the first
420 seven (7) days, student will be able to attend practices, but not participate in
421 activity itself. The student will be required to attend a Tobacco Education
422 program during four (4) consecutive after-school or evening sessions. If the
423 student fails to successfully complete the program within 90 days, he/she will be
424 suspended from practice and participation for an additional seven (7) days.

425 2. **SECOND OFFENSE** during the current school year:

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427 From the date of school notification, the student will be ineligible for participation
428 in all extracurricular activities for a period of twenty-eight (28) days. After the first
429 fourteen (14) days, students will be allowed to attend practices, but not
430 participate in the activity itself. Student and parent(s) must agree to complete the
431 following:

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- 433 a. The student receives a drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a
434 Certified Alcoholism/Drug Counselor made available during school hours.
- 435 b. The student attends an eight (8) session Insight Class.
- 436 c. The student and parent(s) attend three (3) consecutive Parent Information
437 classes.

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439 Failure to complete the conditions within ninety (90) days will result in an
440 additional fourteen (14) days of ineligibility for practice and participation.

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442 3. **THIRD OFFENSE** during the current school year:

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444 Student will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities for the
445 remainder of the school year.

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Legal Reference: [Section 37-2732, Idaho Code](#); [Section 20-516, Idaho Code](#); [Section 33-205, Idaho Code](#)
