

**LINDEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DRUG/ALCOHOL POLICY**

1st Offense

For possession of, use of or providing to another student, drugs or alcoholic beverages at school or any school-sponsored activity, or the way to or from school or any school-sponsored activity, there shall be a five (5) day suspension from school and all extra-curricular and co-curricular activities including graduation. In addition, the student will be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular and co-curricular activities excluding graduation for ~~twenty-one (21) calendar days~~ from the date the suspension ends. The student shall remain suspended from extra-curricular and co-curricular activities until the student ~~must~~ completes a district approved substance abuse program for a minimum of six sessions and provide documentation of program completion to Mrs. Johns, Marriage Family Therapist, ~~before he/she will be eligible to participate in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.~~ Students may attend any combination of the following: private counseling, public counseling, district approved substance abuse counseling. The student may select from a list of district-paid programs or may submit another program for approval. If the student selects a program other than one paid for by the district, the student/parents will be responsible for any cost in excess of that provided for the district -paid program. ~~Any associated cost will be the responsibility of the student and parent.~~

* ~~Substance abuse programs may extend beyond the 21 day social probation. If this occurs, the students social probation will continue to be in effect until all requirements are met.~~

2nd Offense

There shall be a five (5) day suspension from school and all extra-curricular and co-curricular activities including graduation. In addition, student will be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular and co-curricular activities including graduation for a minimum of eighty-five (85) calendar days from the date suspension ends. The student must complete a district approved substance abuse program for a minimum of six sessions and provide documentation of program completion to Mrs. Johns, Marriage Family Therapist, before he/she will be eligible to participate in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. Students may attend any combination of the following: private counseling, public counseling, district approved substance abuse counseling. ~~Any associated cost will be the responsibility of the student and parent.~~ The student may select from a list of district-paid programs or may submit another program for approval. If the student selects a program other than one paid for by the district, the student/parents will be responsible for any cost in excess of that provided for the district -paid program. The program must be completed prior to the end of the extra-curricular/co-curricular

suspension period. Failure to do so will result in the extension of the suspension until the course is completed.

3rd Offense

~~*Offenses are cumulative through all four years.~~

~~*Per district policy, if the student commits two offenses during the same school year, the student may be recommended for expulsion.~~ Offenses are cumulative over four years. Commission of a third offense in a four-year period will result in a 5-day suspension and a recommendation for expulsion.