

POSITIONS AND POLICIES ON EDUCATION

Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco (Substance Abuse)

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Alcohol/Substance Abuse Education Programs

The NJSBA believes that effective alcohol /substance abuse education programs are an important component of health education, but the state should not mandate minimum time requirements of instruction in alcohol and substance abuse education. [DA 12/82-14, DA 12/93-2, DA 5/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 5/07-SR, DA 5/12-SR, DA 5/17-SR]

Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that the legal drinking age should be 21. [Authority: DA 1/79-6, 5/97-SR]
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that the unauthorized possession or use of alcoholic beverages on school premises should be deemed under the law to be a disorderly persons' offense. [Authority: DA 5/74-21, DA 5/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 5/07-SR, DA 5/12-SR, DA 5/17-SR]

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

The NJSBA believes that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse can be helpful in achieving our common goal of preventing drug and alcohol abuse in New Jersey and in our public schools. [BD 5/87, DA/5/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 5/07-SR, DA 5/12-SR, DA 5/17-SR]

Mandatory Penalty for Sale or Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substances to Minors

The NJSBA believes that there should be a mandatory penalty for any person or persons 18 years of age or older who is convicted of an offense involving the sale or distribution of controlled dangerous substances to any minor. [Authority: DA 12/86-3, DA 5/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 5/07-SR, DA 5/12-SR, DA 5/17-SR]

Location of Drug Treatment Centers

The NJSBA believes that the State should ensure that drug treatment centers are not located in the proximity of any public school. [Authority: BD 10/80, DA 5/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 5/07-SR, DA 5/12-SR, DA 5/17-SR]

Cross References:

3220	State funding
3515	Smoking prohibition
4119.23	Smoking, drinking and use of drugs on school premises
5145.12	Search and Seizure

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