

ACTION H-5

NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NORFOLK, NEBRASKA

STUDENT USE/ABUSE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES
(502.2)

All students have a right to attend school in an environment conducive to learning. Since alcohol and other drug use is illegal, contagious, and interferes with both effective learning and the healthy development of children and adolescents, the school has a fundamental legal and ethical obligation to prevent drug use and to maintain a drug-free educational environment.

No student may use, possess, sell, or distribute alcohol or other substances, nor may use or possess drug paraphernalia (except drugs as prescribed by a physician) on school grounds or at school-sponsored events. The same restrictions apply to students participating in extracurricular activities. The terms "alcohol or other substances" shall refer to the use of all substances including, but not limited to, alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, illicit drugs, and look-a-likes. The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall also be prohibited. This policy applies to all school buildings, grounds, and school-sponsored functions or events whether on or off school grounds.

The school district will provide a program of prevention and intervention designed to eliminate any existing use/abuse of alcohol and other substances, and provide supportive services to all students.

Violations of this policy will be handled in accordance with the rules and standards set forth in Student Rights and Responsibilities of the Norfolk Public Schools.