

456 STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids recognizes that students can experience a number of personal or behavioral/medical problems, including chemical dependency, which can have an adverse effect on their behavior, conduct or academic performance in school. Services designed to assist such students shall be provided through the Wisconsin Rapids Assistance Program for Students.

The district recognizes chemical dependency, including alcoholism, as a disease which is treatable and which affects the dependent person and those persons surrounding the dependent in the family, peer group, and school. Every effort will be made to facilitate the dependent entering into an active recovery program. The district accepts the responsibility to help those students who are abusing chemicals or are chemically dependent and to actively involve the peer group, family and other employees in seeking a recovery program for them.

The district recognizes its responsibility to help students with chemical dependency or chemical abuse problems; to counsel, support, and educate these students; to inform and educate their families; and to refer for diagnosis and/or treatment. The district will develop a referral process for identifying chemically dependent students and will encourage treatment and counseling for such students.

In the case of dependent students who are seeking help for dependency, every effort will be made to provide an educational alternative that includes the recovery process, be it in an inpatient or outpatient setting.

In the case of a family seeking help for a dependent student, the school will provide guidance for the family and be active in the intervention process.

The school will provide students with education and knowledge of themselves, through intervention groups available to students on a voluntary basis, in order to make a determination if they are abusing or dependent.

Students identified as having significant problems with AODA will be encouraged to have a professional assessment done through a community AODA agency.

Disciplinary measures for chemical dependency may incorporate the guidelines for determining early reinstatement.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.01(2)(d) Wisconsin Statutes
 118.126
 118.13
 118.24(2)(f)
 120.13(1)(h)
 120.44
 121.02(1)(k)
 Chapter 961

CROSS REF.: 443.4, Student Use of Controlled Substances
 447.2, Student Suspension and Expulsion (Early Reinstatement)

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