



BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Abuse

Barker Central School has been identified by local, state and federal laws as a *Drug Free Zone*. The school is committed to the prevention of alcohol and other substance use/abuse. No student may use, possess, sell, or distribute alcohol or other substances, nor may he/she use or possess drug paraphernalia, on school grounds or at school-sponsored events, except drugs as prescribed by a physician. The term "alcohol and/or other substances" refers to the use of all substances including, but not limited, alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alikes, and any of those substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs". The inappropriate use of prescription and over the counter drugs is also forbidden.

Additionally, the following persons are not permitted to enter school grounds or school sponsored events: any person who gives any visible and/or physical indication that he/she has used or consumed alcohol and/or other substances, or any person who school personnel have reasonable grounds to suspect has used alcohol and/or other substances.

Any narcotics found will be confiscated immediately. The parent/guardian of the student(s) involved will be called and appropriate disciplinary action taken, up to and including permanent suspension. The District may bring legal charges against the student(s) involved, including a lawsuit. In its effort to maintain a drug free environment, the District shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible with local, state and/or federal law enforcement agencies. Because of the *Drug Free Zone* status, penalties may be doubled for convicted violators.

Smoking is prohibited anywhere on school property. It is against State and Federal law. Possession, displaying, and handling of tobacco products on school property are also prohibited. Students caught smoking on school property is also prohibited. Students caught smoking on school property will be subject to in school, out-of-school suspension, and a fine of \$50. Smoking or lighting matches on a bus is a civil crime and students will be treated in accordance with the law.

A Niagara County Sheriff's dog will be brought into the school on occasion to check lockers, back packs, etc. for drugs.