

**St. Peter's Boys High School**  
**200 Clinton Avenue**  
**Staten Island, New York 10302**

**Policy on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention**

A. Discovery of Drug/Alcohol Involvement

A student may be involved with drugs/alcohol in several ways:

- Being under the influence of drugs/alcohol during school functions;
- Having drugs/alcohol in his possession in school environs;
- Using drugs/alcohol in the school environs;
- Supplying drugs/alcohol to others in the school environs.

In case the student is discovered to be involved with drugs/alcohol in any way in the school environs, St. Peter's Boys High School will follow these specific procedures:

- 1) The student will be suspended until his parents make an appointment with the Administration.
- 2) After a meeting of the Administration with the student and his parents, the student is required to work cooperatively with the Counselor from the Archdiocesan Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP).
- 3) The ADAPP Counselor will evaluate the student by interviewing and, if deemed helpful, by psychological testing.
- 4) The ADAPP Counselor will meet with the Administration to discuss the evaluation and a plan of action.
- 5) The Administration will meet with the student and his parents to explain the details of the plan of action.
- 6) The plan of action will consider the individual student, his particular needs, the particular circumstances of the incident, and the good of the St. Peter's School Community.
- 7) The plan of action may include one of several of the following options:
  - a) Immediate expulsion from school;
  - b) Referral to a day program at Daytop Village or a similar resource center;
  - c) Mandatory after-school counseling at Daytop Village, YMCA Counseling Service, or private therapy;
  - d) Mandatory in-school counseling in an individual and group setting.
- 8) Failure to cooperate with the plan of action will result in expulsion.
- 9) A student discovered selling drugs in the school environs will be expelled and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

### *B. Self-Revelation of a Student Involved with Drugs/Alcohol*

A self-revelation case is one in which a student voluntarily reveals to a member of the faculty, Guidance Department, Administration, supplementary service or to another student that he is using drugs/alcohol in or out of school. The confidentiality of the student's problem must be kept. The student is telling that person in trust, and trust must therefore be honored.

#### Procedure

- 1) Parents (or anybody else) should not be informed of the student's drug/alcohol problem without permission from the student himself unless the school representative deems it essential to the student's well being. In fact, it is usually a goal of counseling to bring the student to the point where he can deal with his parents and inform them himself.
- 2) The helper, through individual sessions with the student, attempts to move the student towards seeking whatever help is necessary.
  - a) To join the school drug/alcohol program;
  - b) To join an outside drug/alcohol program, such as Daytop Village, or YMCA Counseling Service;
  - c) To inform his parents.

The helper would be a faculty member or possibly a fellow student.

- 3) If a student is not responsible for his behavior in such a way that he has placed his life (or will soon place his life) in jeopardy through his actions, it is incumbent upon the helper to assume responsibility for the student and to report the situation to the Principal.