

## **Instruction**

### **Social Events/Meetings**

#### **Use of Alcohol by Adults**

The Board of Education recognizes that social events have an important place in a well-rounded school program and, accordingly, encourage well conceived and managed social events. Such events can also be used to provide recognition to students for academic and extracurricular accomplishments. All employee and student behavior at school-sanctioned events shall be under the control and supervision of school district personnel.

The Board of Education is committed to the prevention of alcohol abuse. The district can and must assume a leadership role in alcohol abuse prevention. This goal will be accomplished only through coordinated, collaborative efforts with parents, students, staff and community as a whole. We believe that it is essential for adults to set good examples for students to follow. Therefore, the members of the Hamden school community including the Board of Education, the administration, the teaching staff and other support staff, will comply with all the laws which govern the use of alcoholic beverages. This policy is based on the belief that alcohol dependency is a life-threatening illness that affects individuals in all areas of their lives; spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual and social.

Therefore, no adult attending a school-sanctioned social function at which students are present, shall consume or distribute alcoholic beverages. This policy applies to events both on and off school property.

The Superintendent of Schools shall promulgate this policy, based on the belief that the behavior of the Board, administration, parents and community should be a model for the behavior of students.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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