Chemical Health, Use and Abuse Information for Clara Barton Open School

Annual Notice to Parents

Clara Barton Open School, as part of the Minneapolis Public Schools is a Drug Free School. This notice to parents is given to provide you with information about our

1) Prevention activities and learning about making good choices surrounding chemicals
2) The Minneapolis Public Schools policy about chemical use and abuse
3) Chemical Health services at our school
4) Support services available to students who are returning to school after a suspension for chemical related behaviors, or after returning to school from participation in a treatment program for chemical use or abuse.

Area	Our program	Contacts for parents
Prevention activities and learning	Minneapolis has health teaching standards at every grade level that promote health life choices including appropriate use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. We use age appropriate curriculum to teach our students. We may have special guests come to help learn about consequences of use and abuse of chemicals.	Principal Classroom Teacher Health Specialist/ Teacher School Nurse
Minneapolis Public Schools Policy on Drug Free Schools	Our policies 5631, (which relates to alcohol and other drugs) and 5220 (which relates to tobacco) and their regulations can be found on the district website at http://policy.mpls.k12.mn.us/ Generally: Students may not have in their possession, use or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or other chemicals not prescribed by their health care provider while at school or at school functions, regardless of location. Students who are breaking the law will be referred to the police liaison officer assigned to our school. Provisions are made for an exception for Native American students for tobacco possession for religious/cultural purposes (see the policy for requirements). The Citywide Disciplinary Policy lists use or possession of alcohol, tobacco or drugs as reasons for mandatory suspensions (see Policy 5200)	Principal School Nurse Associate Superintendent Director of Policy Development

Chemical Health Services Avail-able at our School	Our school has a pre-assessment team that identifies students who have chemical-health use or abuse related issues. This includes students who are affected by the chemical use and abuse of others. This team may provide the student and/or the student's parents/ guardians with information about school or community services available to help with chemical health issues. All reports of suspected, inappropriate chemical use or abuse are given to this team, who assist the principal in determining the correct course of action.	Principal School Nurse School Social Worker
Support Services available to students returning from suspension for chemical related issues	All students who are suspended for alcohol or drug related reasons and their parent/guardian will participate in a re-entry conference with the principal or another administrator at the school. In addition, parents and students may be invited to a team conference with the school pre-assessment team to learn about community resources for the family to use in response to the issue.	Principal School Social Worker School Nurse
Support Services available to students returning from participation in a treatment program.	Parents/guardians or students who wish may request a meeting of the school's pre-assessment team for support for a student returning to school after participation in a treatment program. Students, parents and guardians are not required to disclose participation in such a program, but those who choose to may find the support services available at school help the success of the participation in the treatment program.	Principal School Social Worker School Nurse

Clara Barton Open School is committed to a drug free school, support for all students in their education and helping families reinforce health life choices.