

OCVTS Drug and Alcohol Prevention

The Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools offers a variety of services involving substance abuse assistance programs for students and employees.

Students can be referred to these services by teachers, administrators, or by themselves. Upon referral, any combination of the following services may be given:

- Assessment and referral for urine drug screening
- Individual/group counseling
- Referral to appropriate and accessible treatment in the community
- Referral to a self-help group
- Family support/intervention and case management

OCVTS recognizes that a student's abuse of harmful substances seriously impedes that student's education and threatens the welfare of the entire school community. The Board is committed to the prevention of substance abuse and the rehabilitation of substance abusers by educational means, but will take the necessary and appropriate steps to protect the school community from harm and from exposure to harmful substances. Accordingly, the Board will establish policies and procedures in operating programs to support the social, emotional, and physical development of students in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.1 et seq. The Board of Education will maintain a comprehensive substance abuse intervention, prevention, and treatment referral program in the schools of this district.

OCVTS will provide intervention, referral for evaluation, and referral for treatment services to those students that are affected by alcohol or other drug use in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.1(c)7.

Notations concerning a student's involvement with substances may be entered on his/her records, subject to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1 et seq. and Policy 8330 regarding confidentiality. Information concerning a student's involvement in a school intervention or treatment program for alcohol or other drug abuse shall be kept strictly confidential according to 42 CFR Part 2, N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-7.1 and 7.2, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3.2, and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.5.

School Counselors available to students/employees are:

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Additional, for employees OCVTS is partner with RWJ Barnabas Health and all employees have access to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). One on one counseling services are available at (800) 300-0628 or on the web at <https://www.rwjbh.org/one-source-eap/for-employees/>

The Board will annually review the effectiveness of Policy and Regulation on student/employee alcohol and drug abuse. The Board may solicit parent, student, and community input, as well as consult in the review process with local alcohol or other drug abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment agencies licensed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

This Policy and Regulation shall be annually disseminated to all school staff, students, and parents through the district website or other means.