

Content Area: Policy

Task: **What Do We Have? / Policy Situation**

(30 minutes)

A: In your school group, think of and /or examine your own school policy, in general and as it relates specifically to alcohol, tobacco & other drugs. Does it support a positive school climate?

B: In your school group, discuss how you would deal with the situation given to you – based on your current school policy. We will hear from all.

- 1) *What is your school's educational philosophy relative to alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention?*
- 2) *What are the rules at your school relative to possession of over-the-counter drugs?*
- 3) *A student discusses with you a fear that they may have a problem with alcohol. The student has never violated a school rule. What does your school policy say to do in this situation?*
- 4) *You catch a student passing marijuana to another student at school. Who do you go to and what do you do?*
- 5) *What is the penalty for smoking cigarettes on school grounds at your school?*
- 6) *Your school is referring a student to a counselor for an alcohol and other drug assessment. Is your school required to pay for that assessment?*
- 7) *You are on duty in the school parking lot after school. A parent arrives to pick up his/her child and several other children as part of a carpool. The parent appears to stagger as s/he gets out to unlock and open the side doors of their van. You smell alcohol on their breath when you walk over to see if they are okay. How does your policy and procedure manual advise handling this situation?*
- 8) *A member of the faculty is picked up for D.W.I. after the break-up of his/her marriage, and has been "out sick" several Mondays in a row. What does your school district's personnel policy tell you to do? Do you have an E.A.P. statement / protocol similar to that for students?*
- 9) *Who is on your school's support and referral team? How often do they meet?*
- 10) *What is the process for referring a student whose behavior and performance has declined in your class? What referral form are you to use and what additional information / documentation is requested?*
- 11) *How and when is your school's ATOD policy and procedures reviewed and discussed with staff, students, parents, and the community?*
- 12) *When was the last time your school's ATOD policy was reviewed and revised? Were there opportunities for staff, students, parents, and the community to give their input?*
- 13) *Who does your school district have on retainer for legal representation, consultation, advice, etc.?*