



My student received an alcohol and/or drug violation. What resources are available?

In most cases, when a student has an alcohol or drug legal charge, the court will order a screening or an assessment to be completed. Brandon Valley School District contracts with Carroll Institute and receives prevention services from a certified drug and alcohol counselor two days a week. The Carroll Institute counselor is able to provide free alcohol and drug screenings/assessments to your student because of our contract.

My student did not receive a legal violation but I have concerns. What can be done?

Your student does not have to have a legal charge to complete a screening/assessment. The prevention counselor can work with your student and provide a recommendation to the parent. From there, it is your choice what you do with the information. The prevention counselor can help connect your student to other resources to help with the concerns. She can also be used to provide more one-on-one educational information.

What is the difference between a screening and assessment?

Screenings are typically for first time offenders and take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete. The student will be asked in an interview style, questions about the incident that occurred. Questions will also be asked about the student's use of substances. After the screening is complete, a recommendation is provided. Based on student responses, an assessment may be administered as well.

Assessments are used when a student has had multiple violations or may be using multiple substances. This process is an in-depth interview and can take up to 1-2 hours to complete. Assessment tools are used to determine if the student may have an abuse or dependency diagnosis. Treatment recommendations for the student are provided if applicable.

*Recommendations are kept confidential and not shared with the school district. The only information the school district will receive is confirmation that a screening/assessment was completed.

Do I need to sign any papers for my student?

If a student is 14 years or older they can sign all paperwork on their own and must give permission to share information with parent/guardian. Students 13 or younger will need to

have a parent present to sign all paperwork. Students will need to know the last four digits of their social security number to complete all paperwork. Assessments include completing a financial form which may necessitate the need for parents.

Where are the screenings or assessments done?

Screenings and assessments can be done at the school in a private location. We try to schedule these at times when a student will not miss academic periods. They can also be scheduled before or after school if necessary. If a student is uncomfortable completing the process at school, other arrangements can be made to complete the screening or assessment at Carroll Institute in Sioux Falls.

My student completed an alcohol and drug screening or assessment. What happens next?

After the screening or assessment has been completed, a letter will be sent home regarding the recommendation for the student. Letters may also be sent to anyone else including court system, probation or school, at the request of the student. Recommendations may include individual counseling sessions, education classes, outpatient treatment or inpatient treatment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the screening and assessment process or the recommendation provided, please feel free to contact the Carroll Institute counselor at any time.

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