

## 4.24a-STUDENT DRUG ABUSE

This policy applies to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school, or at a school-sponsored activity (including any student who has left the campus for any reason and who returns to the campus), or whose conduct at any time or in any place interferes with or obstructs the mission or operation of the school district.

It shall be a violation of policy for any student:

1. To use, possess, sell, purchase, distribute, or attempt to use, possess, sell, purchase, or distribute alcoholic beverages, controlled substance, illegal drugs, (including marijuana), or other material expressly prohibited by federal, state or local law.
2. To use, possess, sell, purchase, distribute, or attempt to use, possess, sell, purchase, distribute what is represented to be or that the student believes to be alcoholic beverages, controlled substance, illegal drugs (including marijuana), or other material expressly prohibited by federal, state, or local law.
3. To sell, distribute or abusively use prescription, patent, over-the-counter, or imitation drugs.
4. To have a trace of illegal drugs/alcohol in one's body. A trace is any amount that can be detected by an investigative technique or methodology.

Violation of this policy will result in the following consequences:

1. When possible, the parent/guardian will be notified.
2. The law enforcement agency will be notified of any criminal activity and school officials will cooperate fully.
3. The student may be asked to submit to any or all investigative techniques except urinalysis. Included in the various investigative techniques are the following test:
  - a. Blood
  - b. Breath
  - c. Polygraph
4. Grades K-3

1<sup>st</sup> Violation-During the four-year period (grades K-3) the student and parent/guardian will be involved in a counseling educational program.

Repeated Violations- During the four-year period (grades K-3), the student shall be expelled for the remainder of the semester.

Grades 4-12-During the nine-year period (grades 4-12), the student who is found in violation of the policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension, **assignment to Alternative Learning Environment**, or expulsion. Students may also be required to seek professional counseling at the student's expense prior to the re-admission to school.)

These consequences will be imposed independently of court action. However, the consequences may be lessened or waived if information provided by the students leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or person illegally dealing in drugs.

- Any school employee who suspects that a student is violating this policy must report the name of the student and details to the principal.
- A student may be searched where there is reasonable suspicion that the student may be hiding evidence of a wrongdoing.
- Students suspected of violating this policy should be referred for counseling and parent should be notified.
- Periodic unannounced visits to the school and activities will be made with a drug dog.
- Due process will be observed in the administration of the policy. (JCAA)
- Medication must be left with the school nurse or office. (JGCD)

## **DEFINITIONS**

**Drug:** Any chemical that in sufficient amounts will alter a person's ability to function normally on a mental or physical task. Drugs include, but are not limited to, alcohol, controlled substances, hallucinatory drugs, marijuana, glue, paint, or materials expressly prohibited by federal, state, or local laws.

**Possession:** Possession includes having the drug on the person, or in the immediate vicinity of person, or among the personal possessions (locker, car, etc.) of the individual.

**Abusive Use:** The taking of more or less of a drug than what is prescribed so as to alter the person's ability to function normally on a mental or physical task.

Legal References: Act 259 of 1975.

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