

# POLICY

## SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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| <b>Subject:</b><br><br>Drug & Alcohol Testing –<br>School Vehicle/Boat<br>Operators   | <b>Date Approved:</b><br>May 25, 1993<br>June 20, 2006<br>March 16, 2010.<br>November 18, 2014<br><b>Effective Date:</b><br>July 1, 1999<br>June 20, 2006<br>March 16, 2010<br>November 18, 2014 |

### 1. **PURPOSE**

The Somerset County Public Schools prohibit the use, possession, purchase, sale, distribution and being under the influence of or impaired by drugs or alcohol on school property during school hours or while on school business. This policy applies to all bus drivers/boat captains who operate for the Somerset County Public School System.

For purposes of this program, the term chemical substance includes, but is not limited to, controlled substances as defined in Schedules I through V, in Section 202, of the Federal Controlled Substances Act and Alcohol.

The mere possession of a valid prescription or over-the-counter drug for medical reasons does not constitute a policy violation. In addition, the use of such a drug also will not constitute a policy violation, as long as the drug does not affect the driver's ability to function on the job. Legally prescribed medications must be written only for the applicant or the driver using or possessing the prescribed medication. Any applicant or driver taking a medication for another person will be in violation of this policy.

### 2. **POLICY**

The Board of Education of Somerset County shall implement a drug testing program for school vehicle drivers in accordance with the Code of Maryland Regulations (C.O.M.A.R.) 13A.06.07.08 Student Transportation - Drug Testing. School Vehicle Drivers refers to School Vehicle Drivers with Commercial Drivers Licenses as well as School Bus Drivers and School Boat Captains.