

Use of Alcohol, Drugs and Other Prohibited Substances

Illegal and/or inappropriate use of alcohol and drugs constitutes a hazard to the positive development of students.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND OTHER PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

No pupil shall purchase, possess, attempt to possess, use, be under the influence of, sell, or transfer any of the following on or about school property, at any location of a school-sponsored activity, in anticipation of, or en route to or from school or a school-sponsored activity:

1. Alcoholic beverages;
2. Controlled substances, prohibited drugs and substances, and drug paraphernalia; and
3. Substances that "look like" a controlled substance. In instances involving look-alike substances, there must be evidence of the student's intent to pass off the item as a controlled substance.

In addition, students shall not possess prescription drugs for the purpose of sale or distribution.

DEFINITIONS

Controlled substance means any substance or immediate precursor listed in Chapter 218A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or any other substance added by regulation under KRS 218A.010.

Prohibited drugs include, but are not limited to, any substance that an individual may not sell, possess, use, distribute or purchase under Federal or Kentucky law.

Prohibited substances include:

1. All prescription drugs obtained without authorization, and
2. All substances however taken or used, including but not limited to, inhaling, ingesting, and/or injecting. These include, but are not limited to, prescribed and over-the-counter drugs, prohibited volatile substances as defined in KRS 217.900 or synthetic compounds/substances that are used or intended for use for an abusive and/or intoxicating purpose.

AUTHORIZED MEDICATION

Use of a drug authorized by and administered in accordance with a prescription from a physician or dentist shall not be considered in violation of this policy.

PENALTIES

Violation of this policy ~~will~~shall constitute reason for disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion from school and suspension or dismissal from athletic teams and/or other school-sponsored activities. ~~The Ft. Thomas Police and/or the County Juvenile Service authorities shall be involved in every incident involving this policy.~~

Violation of the District "Use of Alcohol, Drugs and Other Prohibited Substances" policy (09.423) will constitute reason for suspension of up to ten (10) days and/or expulsion. The local police department and/or the County Juvenile Service authorities shall be involved in every incident involving that policy.

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In addition, they shall not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities for thirty (30) calendar days, which shall include weekend activities that fall within that period. During this time period, if the student meets other participation requirements, i.e. academic eligibility, they may continue to practice during their extracurricular activity but may not attend or participate in games, competitions, and/or performances.

The thirty (30) day participation suspension may be reduced by half (1/2) if the student completes an approved drug and/or alcohol counseling program. The number of days can also be reduced one (1) day for each hour of community service performed by the student. The counseling program and/or community service must receive prior approval from the Principal/designee.

Students that violate the “Use of Alcohol, Drugs and Other Prohibited Substances” policy involving the sale, transfer or distribution of prohibited substances, or the attempt to carry out such actions, may be subject to an alternative placement or a recommendation for expulsion.

~~Drugpermitted to make up credit for daily work missed during the period of suspension. In addition, they shall not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities for sixty (60) school days, which shall include weekend activities that fall within that period.~~

~~Students that violate this policy involving the sale, transfer or distribution of prohibited substances, or the attempt to carry out such actions, may be subject to an alternative placement or a recommendation for expulsion.~~

REPORTING

Employees of the District shall promptly make a report to the local police department, sheriff, or Kentucky State Police, by telephone or otherwise, if they know or have reasonable cause to believe that conduct has occurred which constitutes the use, possession, or sale of controlled substances on the school premises or within one thousand (1,000) feet of school premises, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored or sanctioned event. In addition, when they have reasonable belief that a violation has taken place, Principals shall immediately report to law enforcement officials when an act has occurred on school property or at a school-sponsored function that involves student possession of a controlled substance on school property in violation of the law.

PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Superintendent shall establish a comprehensive and on-going drug-free/alcohol-free prevention program for all students which shall include notice to students and parents of the following:

1. The dangers of drug/alcohol/substance abuse in the schools;

Instruction shall be offered to educate students about the problems resulting from the periodic, habitual, and chronic use of alcohol and drugs. Such instruction shall be part of the health and science curricula at each level, and, at the middle and senior high school levels may be addressed in other areas of study, as well.

A climate shall be created whereby students may seek and receive counseling about drugs and related problems without fear of reprisal.

2. The District's policies and related procedures on drug-free/alcohol-free schools;

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PREVENTION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

3. The requirement for mandatory compliance with the District's established standards of conduct;
4. Information about available drug/alcohol counseling programs and available rehabilitation/ student assistance programs; and
5. Penalties that may be imposed upon students for violations of this policy.

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.150; KRS 158.154; KRS 158.155

KRS 160.290; KRS 161.180

KRS 217.900; KRS 218A.020; KRS 218A.1430; KRS 218A.1447

OAG 82-633; OAG 93-32

Clark County Board of Education vs. Jones, KY. App., 625 S.W.2d 586 (1981).

Board of Ed. of Tecumseh Public School District, Independent School Dist. No. 92 of Pottawatomie Cty. v. Earls, ___ U.S. ___, 242 F.3d 1264 (2002).

Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (IASA), Title IV: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities

RELATED POLICIES:

09.14; 09.2241; 09.3; [09.434](#)