

**Safe and  
Drug-Free Schools**

# Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs



## How can parents tell if their child is using alcohol, tobacco, and/or drugs?

A parent should look for:

- An increase in the need for money.
- Drug paraphernalia, such as pipes and rolling papers.
- Negative change at school (declining grades, increased absenteeism).
- Increased secrecy about activities and possessions.
- Questionable new friends.
- Questionable changes in language, especially with friends.
- Questionable changes in clothing choices.
- Evidence of inhaling products, such as hairspray, correction fluid, and common household products.
- Bottles of eye drops (used to mask bloodshot eyes or dilated pupils).
- Disappearance of prescription drugs, especially narcotics or mood stabilizers.
- Sudden use of mouthwash or breath mints to cover alcohol smell.
- Use of incense or room deodorizers to hide smoke or chemical smells.

## What prevention services are offered through the JCPS SDFS Office?

- Project ZAP (Zeroing in on Alcohol Prevention) is a U.S. Department of Education-funded project for reducing alcohol consumption among middle and secondary students, using Northland's *Amazing Alternatives*, *Powerlines*, and *Super-Charged* curricula.
- Curricular materials from the SDFS Office are available to classroom teachers of all grade levels. Presentations that illustrate the hazards of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs are available to augment curricular offerings. These presentations include audiovisual materials and demonstrations. For more information, contact the SDFS Office at **485-3260**.

## What is the JCPS policy on use of tobacco products on school property?

The Jefferson County Public School (JCPS) District prohibits the use of tobacco products on school property. The policy prohibits the **use** of tobacco products by students at athletic events, on field trips, in vehicles on school property, or in vehicles carrying students to and from school functions. Additionally, students may not carry or possess tobacco products on school property or at school functions. The use of tobacco and tobacco products is part of the district's **Zero-Tolerance** approach to student discipline. According to the 2007 JCPS *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline* and the *Student Bill of Rights*, school personnel have the authority to confiscate tobacco products.

## What if a student is caught violating the tobacco products policy?

"Zero Tolerance to Use of Tobacco Products" (page 13, 2007 JCPS *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*) means that if a student violates this rule, he or she will be subject to in-school disciplinary measures and the parent/guardian will be notified and/or asked to come to a conference with a Safe and Drug-Free Schools (SDFS) counselor. After repeated offenses, a student may be suspended.

When a student is suspended for the use of tobacco, the length of suspension may be reduced by a local school administrator if the student attends a smoking cessation program in the community.

To find out more about these programs, call the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness STOP line at **574-7867**.

## What is the JCPS policy on being under the influence of/in possession of drugs and alcohol (including look-alike drugs/alcohol)?

Under the influence (page 13, 2007 JCPS *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*) will be determined by having an administrator and another adult verify that the student's behavior(s) indicates drug or alcohol abuse and that the student should be removed from the school. A student will be considered "under the influence" when one or more of the following indicators are noted: vomiting, staggering, emitting an indicative odor, exhibiting incoherence/disorientation, slurring speech, exhibiting dilated pupils, and/or displaying other physical evidence.

For the **first offense** of possession or being under the influence of drugs/alcohol, the student will be given a long-term Central Office suspension. The **second offense** will result in the student being assigned to an alternative school.

## What is the JCPS policy on trafficking and distribution of drugs/alcohol (including look-alike drugs/alcohol)?

According to the 2007 JCPS *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline* (page 13), "A student found to be in possession of more drugs/alcohol than would be consumed by one person will be presumed to be trafficking as prescribed by law." The student will be given a long-term Central Office suspension. Any offense of trafficking or distribution of drugs/alcohol will result in an **alternative school placement**.