

- CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL -**Drug-Free/Alcohol-Free Schools****DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND OTHER PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

The District is committed to maintaining a drug-free workplace. District employees shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, be under the influence of, purchase, possess, use, or attempt to purchase or obtain, sell or transfer any of the following in the workplace or in the performance of duties:

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 employee's intent to pass off the item as a controlled substance.

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

DEFINITIONS

Controlled substance shall mean any substance or immediate precursor listed in Chapter 218A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or any other substance added by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Human Services under regulations pursuant to [KRS 218A.020](#).

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 prohibited 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.
- ~~2.3.~~ Substances containing Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). (Employees are cautioned that many legally available Cannabinol (CBD) products, due to poor manufacture and/or regulation, contain THC and their use will result in a positive THC test which will be considered a positive THC test for all purposes under these policies).

AUTHORIZED DRUGS

Employees who personally use or who are designated to administer to a student a drug authorized by and administered in accordance with a prescription from a health professional shall not be considered in violation of this policy.

WORKPLACE DEFINED

For purposes of this policy, "workplace" shall include any site where District work is performed, including school buildings, school premises, property owned, leased or used by the District for educational or business purposes, school-owned vehicles, or other school-approved vehicles used for school business or to transport staff members or students to and from school or school activities. "Workplace" also includes any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function

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such as a field trip or athletic event where students or staff members are under the jurisdiction of the District.

SUSPENSION/TERMINATION/NON-RENEWAL

Any employee who violates the terms of this policy may be suspended, non-renewed or terminated. In addition, violations may result in notification of appropriate legal officials.

ALTERNATIVE

As an alternative, the Superintendent may choose that an employee who violates the terms of the District's drug-free/alcohol-free workplace policies shall satisfactorily participate in a Board-approved drug/alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program. If the employee fails to satisfactorily participate in such a program, the employee may be suspended, non-renewed or terminated.

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.

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Superintendent shall establish a comprehensive and on-going drug-free/alcohol-free awareness and prevention program which shall include notice of the following:

1. The dangers of drug/alcohol/substance abuse in the schools;
2. The District's policies and related procedures on drug-free/alcohol-free schools;
3. The requirement for mandatory compliance with the District's established standards of conduct, including those that prohibit use of alcohol, drugs and other controlled and prohibited substances;
4. Information about available drug/alcohol counseling programs and available rehabilitation/employee assistance programs; and
5. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for violations of this policy.

REFERENCES:

[KRS 160.290](#); [KRS 217.900](#); [KRS 218A.1430](#); [KRS 218A.1447](#)
34 C.F.R. Part 85

RELATED POLICIES:

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