

STUDENTS

Use of Alcohol, Drugs and Other Prohibited Substances

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND OTHER PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

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

1. Alcoholic beverages;
2. Narcotics, drugs, controlled substances, prohibited drugs and substances, and drug paraphernalia;
3. Substances that “look like” narcotics, drugs or controlled substances. In instances involving look-alike substances, there must be evidence of the student’s intent to pass off the item as a controlled substance; and
4. Mood altering substances (such as inhalants).

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 as a drug, narcotic or controlled substance in Chapter 218A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or regulation promulgated thereunder.

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.

AUTHORIZED MEDICATION

Use of a drug authorized by and administered in accordance with a prescription from a health professional shall not be considered in violation of this policy provided the drug is presented to the school office in its original container for dispensing.

PENALTY

Violation of this policy shall constitute reason for disciplinary action including suspension, long-term alternative school placement, expulsion from school, revocation of driving privileges on school premises, or dismissal from athletic teams and/or other school-sponsored activities. Students suspended, sent for alternative school placement, or expelled may not be on any school property other than White Plains Learning Opportunity Center for any reason (including but not limited to school buses, sport activities, concerts, prom, graduation, and any other school-sponsored event) until their discipline term has expired.

Use of Alcohol, Drugs and Other Prohibited Substances**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.

DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

Students participating in extracurricular activities at the high school or middle school and students who wish to drive to and from school shall participate in the District's student random drug-testing program.

Extracurricular activities include participation in school clubs or organizations not required by a class and athletic teams, including but not limited to band, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, color guard, winter guard, cross-country, dance, football, softball, tennis, track, volleyball, swimming, and golf.

Student athletes (high school and middle school) shall also be subject to testing at the beginning of the beginning of each athletic season of the school year and the random drug testing throughout the season for each sport in which they participate as well as band, color guard, dance, and winter guard.

While not required, other students may voluntarily participate in the District's random drug-testing program upon receipt of parental consent and completion of all appropriate forms.

Testing shall be accomplished by the analysis of urine specimens obtained from the student. Collection and testing procedures shall be established, maintained, and administered to ensure:

1. Randomness of selection procedures;
2. Proper student identification;
3. Identification of each specimen with the appropriate student participant;
4. Maintenance of the unadulterated integrity of the specimen; and
5. Integrity of the collection and testing process, as well as the confidentiality of test results.

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;
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/student assistance programs; and

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PREVENTION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

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 Independent School Dist. No. 92 of Pottawatomie Cty. v. Earls, 536 U.S.
822, (2002).

RELATED POLICY:

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