

PART II POLICY ON STUDENT POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Students in possession of paraphernalia – materials associated with carrying, storage or use of a prohibited substance, e.g., marijuana pipes (including those constructed by students), bongs, etc., are subject to disciplinary action as prescribed in Part III of this section. Questionable containers may be subject to testing to determine the presence of substance residue.

PART III REFERRAL, SUSPENSION, DISMISSAL, PARENT NOTIFICATION

Any teacher or administrator or other certified school personnel who “has reason to believe” (meaning – observed behavior that would indicate involvement with drugs or alcohol-absolute proof is not necessary) a student is in possession of, using or abusing drugs or alcohol (described in Part I) may refer this student to the administration.

1st Offense 5 days suspension for tobacco including e-cigarettes;
10 days for alcohol or other illicit substances as defined in Part I B.
Consumption in school or at school activities may result in dismissal.

2nd Offense 10 days or dismissal for tobacco including e-cigarettes;
dismissal for alcohol or other illicit substances as defined in Part I B.

Any violation of this Drug and Alcohol Policy will require student participation in informational sessions with an approved school counselor or mental health/substance abuse counselor.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES FOR ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND SCHOOL SPONSORED OR SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

The school system recognizes that the use of mood altering chemicals is a significant health problem for adolescents, resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning and the total development of each individual. Adolescent use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs likewise affects the development of skills related to participation in extracurricular activities.

The school system supports education and awareness training for administrators, athletic directors, coaches, student advisors, athletes and parents. This training would cover adolescent chemical dependence use/abuse problems, including the symptomatology of chemical dependency and special problems affecting athletic activities.

The school system recognizes that any extracurricular policy related to the use of alcohol and other drugs, including look-alike drugs and steroids, needs to be incorporated within the context of a broader school and community effort to deal with alcohol and other drug prevention programs. Extracurricular policy and procedures need to be consistent with other school policies and procedures in order to be effective. Extracurricular activities participants will be subject to general school policy as well as to the policy governing athletics and interscholastic academic activities.

For all school-sponsored or supported activities such as field trips, outings, travels abroad, etc. all school policies are in effect. Student use of alcohol and other prohibited substances is prohibited and disciplined by school policy, even if the trip is to a destination where local law and custom may be otherwise. Moreover, in effect is an “**in the presence of**” policy: A student participating in a school-sponsored activity, including trips of any duration to any destination, must immediately leave a situation where alcohol or other prohibited substances are being used/consumed. Failure to do so will result in the issuance of school discipline as prescribed in **Part III of the Drug and Alcohol Policy**. Students in such a situation are encouraged to immediately report the matter to a chaperone.