

Student Use of Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs

The possession, use, sale or distribution of tobacco, alcohol, any unlawful drug, drug paraphernalia or any substance purported to be a drug, including misuse of nonprescription drugs, or misuse of a drug prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner, on school premises, including busses, or at any school-sponsored activity, including pre-season and post-season practices or activities, is prohibited.

Violations of this policy will result in the following procedures:

First, second and third offenses will follow the student from grades K-5, grades 6-8 and from grades 9-12. It will not start over at the beginning of each academic year.

A third-party alcohol and drug evaluation, including a urine analysis or other tests that the district deems necessary, will need to be scheduled and confirmed with a designated agency, or the parent may schedule an evaluation with an approved agency, at the parent's expense before re-entering school. The responsibility for treatment for alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) abuse rests with the student and his/her family.

The penalties set out in Board Policies JFCIA, JFCG-AR, and the high school's Cocurricular Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco policy shall work as one when dealing with suspension from cocurricular activities. That is, if a student has a violation under any one of the three policies it will be considered the first violation. If the student has a subsequent violation under any one of the three policies it will be considered the second violation, etc. (For clarity, be reminded that JFCIA and the high school's Cocurricular Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco policy carry no academic penalties.)

First Offense

1. Law enforcement notified.
2. Three day suspension from school.
3. Third party alcohol/drug screening (the school must be able to confirm this appointment before the student can re-enter after the three day suspension). Students suspended for possession or use of tobacco must attend a district endorsed tobacco cessation class. Costs after the initial third party screening are borne by the parents/guardians.
4. The student must follow the alcohol/drug evaluation recommendations or the student will be expelled from school. Parents/guardians need to sign a release with the third party screener, to release information so the school can verify that the student is following the recommendations.
5. Three week activity suspension, including all school sponsored activities, athletics and extracurricular events. During the suspension students may practice, but not compete and they may attend the athletic event if not taking away from class time.

Second Offense

1. Law enforcement notified.
2. Five day suspension from school.
3. Third party alcohol/drug screening (the school must be able to confirm this appointment before the student can re-enter after the five day suspension). Students suspended for possession or use of tobacco must attend a district endorsed tobacco cessation class. Costs after the initial third party screening are borne by the parents/guardians.
4. The student must follow the alcohol/drug evaluation recommendations or the student will be expelled from school. Parents/guardians need to sign a release with the third party screener, to release information so the school can verify that the student is following the recommendations.
5. Six week activity suspension, including all school sponsored activities, athletics and extracurricular events. During the suspension students may practice, but not compete and they may attend the athletic event if not taking away from class time.

Third Offense

1. Law enforcement notified.
2. Recommendation for expulsion.

Students who incur a permanent suspension from cocurricular activities may be reinstated and returned to step 2 status if they successfully complete an intensive substance abuse program endorsed by the district, which shall be of no less than nine weeks duration. (In no case shall the students' suspension from cocurricular activities for a third or subsequent violation be less than nine weeks).

The administration reserves the option to recommend expulsion for any alcohol and/or drug offense, particularly sale or distribution of any alcohol or unlawful drug.