

Unauthorized or illegal drugs and alcohol are a threat to safe and orderly schools and will not be tolerated.

A. PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

Students are prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting, selling or being under the influence of any of the following substances:

1. narcotic drugs;
2. hallucinogenic drugs;
3. amphetamines;
4. barbiturates;
5. marijuana or any other controlled substance;
6. synthetic stimulants, such as MDPV and mephedrone (e.g. “bath salts”), and synthetic cannabinoids (e.g. “Spice”, “K2”);
7. any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage or fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor; or
8. any chemicals, substances or products procured or used with the intention of bringing about a state of exhilaration or euphoria or of otherwise altering the student’s mood or behavior.

Students participating in the sale of any of the illegal drugs listed above will automatically receive a long term suspension for an entire calendar year.

Upon the recommendation of the principal and approval by the superintendent the student may be placed in an alternative school setting for one calendar year.

Students also are prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting or selling drug paraphernalia or counterfeit (fake) drugs. Drug paraphernalia is any equipment, product or material used in the making of, distribution of, storage or for introducing to the human body any substance designated as controlled. Students may not in any way participate in the selling or transmitting of prohibited substances, regardless of whether the sale or transmission ultimately occurs on school property.

Possession or use of prescription and over the counter drugs is not in violation of this policy if possessed and used in accordance with policy 6125, Administering Medicines to Students. The principal may authorize other lawful uses of substances otherwise prohibited by this policy, such as for approved school projects.

In addition to school disciplinary action, the principal must confiscate the substances and report to the appropriate law enforcement agency any student who has used or possessed the substances prohibited by this policy.

B. CONSEQUENCES**First Violation: Possession/Under the Influence**

Parents and law enforcement shall be notified immediately. The first violation will result in a 10-day suspension from school with a recommendation to the superintendent for long-term suspension. If the parent(s) and the student proceed with a program of substance abuse counseling, the principal may alter the discipline recommendation. If the student and parent(s) fail to complete the substance abuse counseling program the school administration may revoke the alternative discipline recommendation and recommend long-term suspension. All costs for counseling will be the responsibility of the parent(s) and student. School administration must receive written proof from the counseling program that all recommended treatment was successfully completed and also have access to medical records related to the counseling received.

Second Violation: Possession/Under the Influence

Parents and law enforcement shall be notified immediately. The second violation within the same school year or within succeeding school years shall result in automatic out-of-school suspension for a period of ten school days and suspension from participation in all school and co-curricular activities during the period of short- and long-term suspensions. The principal shall recommend to the superintendent that the student be given a long-term suspension for the remainder of the school year.

The disciplinary consequences for violations of this policy shall be consistent with Section D of policy 4300, Student Behavior Policies. The superintendent or designee shall list in the Code of Student Conduct the specific range of consequences that may be imposed of a student for violations of this policy.

Legal References: G.S. 18B-301; 20-11(n1); ch. 90, 115C-47, -288, -307-390.2

Cross References: Student Behavior Policies (policy 4300), Criminal Behavior (policy 4335),
Administering Medicine to Students (policy 6125)

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