

Unauthorized or illegal drugs and alcohol are a threat to safe and orderly schools and will not be tolerated. The superintendent is responsible for ensuring that this policy is applied fairly throughout the school system.

A. PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

Students are prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting, selling or being under the influence of any prohibited substances (legal intoxication not required) while in any school building, on any school premises, on any school bus, activity bus or other school approved vehicle used to transport students, or at any school activity, function or event, or while under the jurisdiction of the school system during any activity. Additionally, students are prohibited from consuming prohibited substances off school property or prior to a school activity and then coming on school property or attending a school activity while it is likely that the prohibited substance is in the students' body. Prohibited substances are the following:

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 or unfortified 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 also are prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting or selling drug paraphernalia or counterfeit (fake) drugs. 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 such drugs are possessed and used in accordance with board policy 6125,

Administering Medicines to Students. The principal may authorize other lawful uses of substances that are otherwise prohibited by this policy, such as for approved school projects.

B. CONSEQUENCES

As required by board policy 4345, Criminal Behavior, the principal must report to the appropriate law enforcement agency any student who has used or possessed prohibited substances in violation of this policy. 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 on a student for violations of this policy.

Legal References: G.S. 18B-301; 20-11(n1); ch. 90, art. 5; 115C-47, -276, -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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