

Policy

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE/POSSESSION BY STUDENTS

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No student, regardless of age, will possess, sell, purchase, barter, distribute, knowingly use, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or other controlled substances in the following circumstances:

- on school property (including buildings, grounds, vehicles)
- at any school-sponsored activity, function, or event whether on or off school grounds (including any place where an interscholastic athletic contest is taking place)
- en route to or from or during any field trip, or during any trip or activity sponsored by the Board or under the supervision of the Board or its authorized agents

For the purposes of this policy, “Drug/Controlled Substance” includes any narcotic drug, depressant, stimulant or hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, counterfeit drug, imitation controlled substance, “look-alike” substance, poison, synthetic or designer drug (bath salts and synthetic marijuana), or any other controlled substance as defined by state or federal law.

In determining whether a student is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a controlled substance, the student’s appearance, manner, and any statements made by the student may be considered without regard to the amount of alcohol/controlled substance consumed.

Students who unknowingly use alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances will not be considered for expulsion dependent on case findings and previous infractions.

No student will aid, abet, assist, or conceal the possession, consumption, purchase, or distribution of any controlled substance or alcoholic beverage by any other student or students in any of the circumstances listed above.

No student will possess, market, or distribute any substance which is represented to be or is substantially similar in color, shape, size, or markings to a controlled substance or to an alcoholic beverage in any of the circumstances listed above.

All principals will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies and will report to them all information that would be considered pertinent or beneficial in their efforts to stop the sale, possession, and use of drugs and controlled substances. The administration will suspend students who violate this policy and recommend expulsion.

The Board prohibits alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances on and around school grounds and at school-sponsored activities. The Board may expel all students involved in these illegal activities and may, under circumstances it deems appropriate, permanently expel students

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involved in drug/alcohol offenses.

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Legal references:

- A. S.C. Constitution:
 - 1. Article XVII, Section 14 - Must be over 21 to possess distilled liquors.
- B. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 16-17-530 - Students who come to school in an intoxicated condition, or conduct themselves in a disorderly or boisterous manner, could be arrested for a misdemeanor.
 - 2. Section 44-49-80 - Establishment of drug abuse treatment program in public schools.
 - 3. Section 44-53-110, et seq. - Definitions; lists of illicit drugs.
 - 4. Section 44-53-140 - Certain communications and observations shall be privileged.
 - 5. Section 44-53-440 - Distribution to persons under 18.