

Student Substance Use/Abuse

Students will be subject to the following regulations while under school jurisdiction on or off school property. A student, who gives evidence of possessing, distributing, selling, or using alcohol, a drug or controlled substance, a “look alike drug”, or possession of drug paraphernalia, will be subject to the following actions:

First Offense: All of the following conditions will be imposed.

Step One: The administrator or designee will impose all of the following as soon as possible following the offense:

1. Isolate the student awaiting parental arrival;
2. Immediate suspension and removal from the school grounds or school activity by parent or parent designee;
3. Notify the student’s parents, by phone if possible, and by a letter indicating the student infraction and suspension. The letter will include a copy of the relevant Board policy;
4. Referral will be made to the proper law enforcement agency if appropriate;
5. Student will be referred to the school counselor for support and to obtain information about a professional drug/alcohol evaluation.

Step 2: Suspension of the student for seven school days during which time the following will occur:

1. Student will comply with policy relevant to suspension and subsequent school work responsibilities;
2. It will be recommended that the student will obtain an evaluation by professional drug/alcohol treatment program personnel.¹

Step 3: An intervention meeting with the administrator or counselor, student and parents will be scheduled during the seven school day suspension. The plan, decided upon at the meeting, will be based on the specific situation, recommendations from the professional evaluation, if available, and may include any or all of the following recommendations:

1. Counseling (personal, family, drug/alcohol);¹
2. Referral to chemical abuse class, group or program;¹
3. Assignment to community agency, service, or other alternative;¹

¹Costs to be borne by Parents/Guardians

4. Detention or In-School Supervision;
5. Other educational, counseling or disciplinary alternatives appropriate for the situation.

Step 4: After the seven day suspension, the student may be readmitted to school provided that the student and parent/guardian have met with the administrator or counselor and have agreed to fulfill the recommendations of the professional evaluation and abided by their recommendations. The student and parent/guardian must agree to and submit necessary progress reports to the administrator or counselor within the specified timelines.

Step 5: If the student's parent/guardian refuses to permit the professional evaluation or if the student fails to follow through on the recommendations of the administrator or counselor, the recommendation of expulsion of the student will be made.

A student who gives evidence of possessing, distributing, selling or using any form of tobacco or "tobacco look alike" will be subject to the following sanctions²:

1. First Offense:
 - a. Parents shall be notified and student shall be suspended for one school day.
 - b. Notify parent/guardian by phone if possible, followed by a letter and include a copy of the Board policy JFCG/KGC/GBK - Tobacco-Free Environment.
2. Second Offense: All of the following sanctions shall be imposed:
 - a. Isolate the student awaiting parental arrival;
 - b. Notify parent/guardian by phone if possible followed by a letter and include a copy of the Board policy JFCG/KGC/GBK - Tobacco-Free Environment;
 - c. The student shall be suspended for three school days;
 - d. Upon return to school at the end of the suspension, the student must be accompanied by the parent/guardian and meet with an administrator.
3. Subsequent Offenses: All of the following sanctions shall be imposed:
 - a. Isolate the student awaiting parental arrival;
 - b. Notify parent/guardian by phone if possible followed by a letter and include a copy of the Board Policy JFCG/KGC/GBK - Tobacco-Free Environment;
 - c. The student shall be suspended for five school days;
 - d. Upon return to school at the end of the suspension, the student must be accompanied by the parent/guardian and meet with an administrator;
 - e. Repeat offenses may result in a recommendation for expulsion.

²Possession of tobacco and tobacco products by minors is a violation of state law. Legal authorities may be notified of any violation.