

Hamblen County Board of Education

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ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

In order to protect the rights of students, to safeguard the learning environment, and to contribute to a “drug-free” community, the Board’s plan for dealing with alcohol and drugs shall include the following:

1. Appropriate ways for handling alcohol/drug-related medical emergencies
2. Guidelines for reporting alcohol/drug incidents and illegal activities
3. Guidelines for referral of students who may have an alcohol/drug problem and/or are considered “high risk” to agencies and other sources of appropriate help
4. Effective working relationships with appropriate community agencies such as alcohol/drug service providers, law enforcement agencies, and judicial officials.

Through use of state guidelines the director of schools shall be responsible for:

1. Developing and implementing appropriate curriculum on alcohol and drug education for students
2. Providing adequate information and training for all staff personnel as appropriate for their responsibilities
3. Developing administrative rules and guidelines for the school system to effectively respond to alcohol and drug situations that may occur at school or school-sponsored events.

DRUGS

Students shall not possess, distribute, or be under the influence of illegal drugs (e.g., schedule drugs as defined by state law) or drugs for which they do not have a prescription in school buildings or on school grounds or in school vehicles or buses or at any school-sponsored activity at any time, whether on or off school grounds. Upon information that board policy has indeed been violated by a student, the principal shall notify the student’s parent or guardian and the appropriate law enforcement officials.

Unlawfully possessing or being under the influence of any narcotic or stimulant drug, prescription drug, or any other controlled substance, including but not limited to marijuana, shall result in the student being expelled for one calendar year (see school board policy 6.309). If found guilty of distributing and/or selling such substances, a student shall be subject to extended expulsion. If a student violates this policy while assigned to the alternative school, he/she shall be subject to expulsion from the school system for a minimum on one (1) calendar year from the date of infraction.

Students shall not 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 in school buildings or on school grounds, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school-sponsored activity at any time, whether on or off school grounds. The penalty for possession, marketing, or distribution of such substances shall result in placement of the student in the alternative school.

1 Students shall be in compliance with school board policy 6.405 concerning prescription and nonprescription medi-
2 cines. Students who do not follow the provisions of school board policy 6.405 shall be subject to the provisions and
3 guidelines of his/her school's assertive discipline plan.

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6 Students shall not possess, distribute, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages in school buildings or on
7 school grounds or in school vehicles or buses or at any school-sponsored activity at any time, whether on or off
8 school grounds. The penalty for first offense violation of the alcohol policy shall be placement in alternative school
9 for ninety (90) days. After completing forty-five (45) days in the alternative school, students may request, through
10 the director of schools, admittance to the regular school program. The director/designee may reduce the placement
11 to time served upon satisfactory proof of all the following:

- 13 1. Completion of the forty-five (45) "good" day alternative school program
- 14 2. Twenty (20) hours community service (approved by alternative school principal)
- 15 3. An alcohol/drug counseling and education program that would include the effects and consequences of alco-
16 hol use on personal health and safety (approved by alternative school principal)

19 Parents/students shall be responsible for any expenses for counseling and community service.

21 If a student violates the alcohol policy a second time or while assigned to the alternative school, he/she shall be
22 subject to expulsion from the school system for a minimum of one (1) calendar year from the date of infraction.