

Purpose

To prohibit the use, abuse, sale, possession or distribution of proscribed substances by students on school property, or at school related activities. The underlying rationale of this policy is to protect students and promote their health and well being.

Definitions

- a. Passive Participation – Failure to remove oneself from a situation or area where unapproved proscribed substances are present.
- b. Use - 1) A deliberate act of ingesting, injecting, inhaling or otherwise taking into the body unapproved proscribed substances, 2) A condition or state of showing evidence of or being under the influence of unapproved proscribed substances 3) passive participation.
- c. Proscribed substances:
 - 1. Alcohol – Any substance which is defined as alcohol under Article II of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
 - 2. Inhalant – Any substance inhaled for the purpose of inducing a condition of intoxication, inebriation, or excitement, or which otherwise impairs one's mental faculties or is used for the purpose of enhancing performance.
 - 3. Drugs – that when taken into the body may impair one's mental faculties, including but not limited to:
 - i. A controlled dangerous substance, as defined in §§ 5-402 through 5-406 of
 - ii. Any other man-made or naturally occurring substance including inhalants, used for the purpose of inducing a condition of intoxication, inebriation, or excitement, or which otherwise impairs one's mental faculties;
 - iii. Drug Paraphernalia;
 - iv. Look-alike products;
 - v. Prescription medication except as prescribed for the individual student and/or over the counter products
 - 4. Tobacco – Any substance which is defined as tobacco under Article II of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
 - 5. Electronic Smoking Devices
 - 6. Unapproved Performance Enhancing Substances – any substance found on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited list and/or Anabolic Steroids as defined in Maryland Code.
 - 7. Look alike products – any substance misrepresented and/or used as any of the substances proscribed in this policy.
- d. Possession – To exercise actual or constructive dominion or control over a thing by one or more persons.

Policy Statement

The use, abuse, sale, possession or distribution of certain proscribed substances by students on school property, or at school related activities is strictly prohibited.

The Board of Education supports strong and consistent disciplinary measures to ensure that students recognize that the possession, use, abuse, sale and/or distribution, of proscribed substances present health dangers and may constitute illegal acts.

Violations of this policy will be treated as school disciplinary infractions and may be referred to law enforcement agencies. In all cases of suspension or expulsion, mandatory referral for an alcohol/drug assessment will be made to an appropriate mental health provider for assessment and/or treatment.

Nothing in this policy is meant to prevent the proper use of medications prescribed for and taken by an individual.

Legal Reference	Md. Code Ann. art. 27 sec. 277 (1987) Md. Code Ann. art. 27 sec. 287 (1987) Md. Code Ann. art. 27 sec. 287A (1987) Md. Education Code Ann. sec. 7-304 (1989) Md. Education Code Ann. sec. 26-104 (1989) Md. Health-General Code Ann. sec. 8-101 (j) (1990) Md. Admin. Code tit. 13A.08.01.08A (1990)		
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