

I. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A. Notice that possession or use sale, or distribution of proscribed substance by students is prohibited in the Allegany County Public School System shall be provided to students, parents, and staff members at the beginning of each school year and when deemed appropriate by the principal.
- B. Prescription medication and over-the-counter products require written medication orders and are to be administered in accordance with medication administration guidelines.
- C. The Allegany County Public School System has developed its Health Education curriculum to conform to state and federal mandates for Safe and Drug-Free Schools. The goal of the Health Education curriculum is for students to obtain and demonstrate the ability to utilize knowledge of the adverse effects of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs, and to develop skills and attitudes that promote drug- and violence-free living.
 - 1. The Health Education Curriculum:
 - a. Helps students recognize internal pressures, like wanting to belong to a group, and external pressures, like peer attitudes and advertising, that influence them to use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs;
 - b. Facilitates development of personal, social, and refusal skills to resist these pressures;
 - c. Teaches that using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs are unhealthy and illegal choices;
 - d. Uses interactive teaching techniques, such as role plays, discussions, brainstorming and cooperative learning;
 - e. Actively involves the family and the community so that prevention strategies are reinforced across settings;
 - f. Includes teacher training and support in order to assure that curricula are delivered as intended;
 - g. Contains material that is easy for teachers to implement and culturally relevant for students.

II. VIOLATION OF POLICY

- A. It is a violation of this policy for any student to:
 - 1. Possess, use (including passive participation), sell or distribute, or be under the influence of proscribed substances on school property or at school-related activities.
 - 2. Possess, use (including passive participation), sell or distribute, or be under the influence of prescription medication or an over-the-counter product, in the absence of, or inconsistent with a written medication order on school property or at a school-related activity.
 - 3. Engage in passive participation as defined in the policy.
- B. In accordance with other Board policies, students participating in extracurricular and co-curricular activities may be disciplined for violations of this policy even if the activity does not place on school property or at a school-related activity.

- C. Consequences for violations of this policy are cumulative. Subsequent offenses may affect the nature and severity of the consequences. Consequences will be determined in accordance with the Discipline Policy JK. Mandatory assessment to determine the possible need for counseling and/or education through a licensed addictions program or a state-certified addictions counselor will accompany all consequences issued. A referral for this assessment will be made by school administration to the Allegany County Health Department (ACHD). However, the parent and/or student may elect to seek assessment through a licensed private provider. In any event, the student must provide documentation from an appropriate provider of his/her participation in the assessment. Failure to provide such documentation may result in additional consequences pursuant to the Discipline Policy.
- D. Confidentiality of Student Records - Provisions to protect student rights to confidentiality of information regarding their use proscribed substances shall include:
1. Maintaining as few education records as possible;
 2. Identifying students on certain sensitive, confidential records by first name and last initial; and
 3. Disposing of records when they are no longer useful in accordance with procedures set forth in COMAR 13A.08.02.05 (Retention, Disposition and Destruction of Student Records), 13A.08.02.06 (Review and Updating), and other applicable law.

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