

DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE SCHOOLS POLICY

It is the policy of the Edmond Public Schools that no student shall possess, use, transmit, share, provide, sell, conspire to sell or possess or be in the chain of sale or distribution or be under the influence of any prohibited or controlled substance including as narcotic drug, illicit drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana or any other controlled substances, alcoholic beverage or non-intoxicating beverage (defined by law, i.e. 3.2 beer). Counterfeit drugs (turkey drugs), drug paraphernalia and chemicals which provide a mood-altering effect are included as controlled substances. Illicit drugs include steroids and prescription and over-the-counter medications being used for an abusive purpose. This prohibition applies to competitions on school transportation, on school premises, at school functions, school-sponsored activities, performances, contests, athletic competitions, during lunch, or while under the supervision of school personnel. This policy is adopted in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

Reporting Student Substance

It is the responsibility of all school personnel to report suspected violations of this policy to an administrator.

When it appears to a teacher or administrator that a student may be under the influence of low-point beer alcoholic beverages, or controlled dangerous substances (drugs), the teacher or administrator will promptly report the matter to the school principal or his/her designee.

The report of the teacher or administrator will state the date, time, and place of the incident. It will also describe the actions of the student or other circumstances from which the teacher or administrator concluded that the student appeared to be under the influence of low-point beer, alcoholic beverages, or controlled dangerous substances.

In order to assist with the detection of students who may have consumed or be under the influence of alcohol, school officials may employ the use of an appropriate screening device such as a breath alcohol testing instruments or breathalyzer.

The administrator will notify the parents, impose appropriate consequences according to the discipline policy and report the incident to the local authorities. School discipline will be imposed independent of any court action. A confidential drug/alcohol report, completed by the administrator, will be sent to the Superintendent or his/her designee.;

Any student violating this policy and his/her parents will be encouraged to obtain drug/alcohol education, counseling, and/or chemical dependency treatment as appropriate and at the parents' expense.

Copies of this Policy shall be provided to all students and their parents at the beginning of each school year.

Consequences for Student Violations of Drug/Alcohol Policy

A. Conspiracy/Chain/Sale/Distribution/Delivery of Drugs or Alcohol (For personal gain, monetary privilege or gain)

Student will be suspended out of school for the remainder of the current semester and all of the succeeding semester.

B. Possession/Use/Sharing/Being Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol

1. First Offense: Six-week out-of-school suspension

a. A two-week reduction may be granted if the student and the parents/guardians agree to the following:

(1) To meet with the Student Assistance Program representative.

(2) To obtain, from a licensed practitioner, an alcohol/drug use assessment which may recommend counseling, education, treatment, and/or drug testing. The cost of any assessment or recommended counseling, education, treatment, etc., will be the sole responsibility of the student's parent or guardian.

b. An additional week reduction may be granted if compliance with the assessment recommendations is verified with documentation.

c. If the student complies with both B.1.a. and B.1.b. as stated above, the out-of-school suspension may be reduced to ten (10) days out and five (5) days in Alternative In-School Placement (AISP).

d. Nothing in this policy is intended to limit or restrict the ability of the School District to take other disciplinary action against a student in a particular case in accordance with other policies governing student discipline. A school principal or the principal's designee may devise an appropriate disciplinary plan for an individual student relating to the substance abuse in question and may submit that plan to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee for approval. If such disciplinary plan is approved by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee, it may be implemented for the student in question.

2. Second Offense: Suspension out-of-school for the remainder of the current semester and all of the succeeding semester.

NOTE: Procedural Due Process Rights: For ALL out-of-school suspensions, the due process steps outlined for student suspensions in Policy #4401 Legal will govern administrative procedures to be followed in the enforcement of this policy.