

TOBACCO USE BY STUDENTS/ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS/
STUDENT DRUG ABUSE

For purposes of these policies and regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

Alcohol: Any liquor, wine, beer or other beverage containing intoxicating substances.

Drugs: Any drug, including illegal drugs, narcotics, hallucinogens, cocaine, amphetamines, steroids, barbiturates, marijuana, inhalants, legal prescription and over-the-counter drugs used or possessed or distributed for unauthorized purposes, counterfeit (look-alike) substances and clove cigarettes.

Drug Paraphernalia: Equipment or apparatus designed for or used for the purpose of measuring, packaging, distributing, or facilitating the use of drugs, including, but not limited to, pipes, roach clips, syringes, hypodermic needles and cocaine spoons or kits.

Tobacco: Any product with tobacco as an ingredient that is smoked, chewed, inhaled or placed against the gums.

Under the Influence: Manifesting signs of substance abuse, such as staggering, reddened eyes, odor of alcohol or drugs, nervousness, restlessness, falling asleep or dozing, memory loss, abusive language or any other behavior or physical appearance not normal for the particular student (determination by school authorities as to what constitutes "under the influence" is distinct and separate from an such determination by the courts).

Distributing: Making available to or passing on to another individual (even if not for profit) any alcohol, drug or tobacco products.

Extracurricular: Extracurricular activities are those activities sponsored by, supported by and identified by the Board and are an extension of the "normal" school day. Activities included are: all athletics, instruments and choral groups, student council, drama, cheerleading, all school clubs, school-sponsored and Board-approved trips, and National Honor Society. (Because of the rules of the National Honor Society organization, the student's membership can be retained, but his/her participation will cease.) This list is not all-inclusive. Students must agree to adhere to any additional rules established by the advisor/coach of the activity in which the student participates.

One Calendar Year: One calendar year is defined as 365 days from the date of the infraction.

Leadership Position: Any elected or appointed office in a school-recognized sport, club or activity.

Policy Statement:

It is the Board of Education's primary concern that educational, cocurricular and extracurricular programs for all students proceed in an orderly and non-disruptive manner. Sale, use or possession of drugs, counterfeit drugs, alcohol or tobacco by students is an obstacle to this objective and interferes with the rights of students to receive quality academic instruction.

The Board recognizes that use of illicit drugs and unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong, harmful and illegal. It also recognizes that individuals who are experiencing problems with alcohol and other drugs need assistance, which may vary; the District is committed to working cooperatively with the student and family to help provide beneficial alternatives. Information will be available about drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation and re-entry programs for students. Such District resources as student groups, parent groups, school psychologists, student assistance coordinator, core team and special transitional programs are to be encouraged, made available and recommended. Students and parents will also be given information about outside agencies and encouraged to take advantage of their services and programs. Parents and students will be given a copy of the standards of conduct and the statement of disciplinary sanctions through parent/student handbooks. Compliance with these standards of conduct is mandatory for students.

Hilliard students shall not possess, use, sell, give or otherwise transmit, or be under the influence of any drug or alcohol. They shall not possess or bring on school property tobacco products, matches, lighters or other paraphernalia normally associated with tobacco use. Tobacco use by students is prohibited in school buildings, in school vehicles and on school grounds, at all times. Any type of drug paraphernalia is prohibited in school buildings, in school vehicles and on school grounds. All items will be subject to confiscation.

This policy is subject to enforcement and/or disciplinary action:

1. on property owned, leased by or under control of the Board, including vehicles for transporting students;
2. on any public or private property during scheduled school hours including recess, lunch and class changes and
3. at any school-sponsored or sanctioned activity or event away from or within the District.

Actions set forth below will be considered normal disciplinary measures for each category and occurrence of offense and shall be administered in accordance with the policies and regulations of the Board.

Students who voluntarily request assistance or counseling/self-referral in situations where no offense, as specified below, has been detected will not be subject to disciplinary action based on information divulged.

Where an offense, as specified below, has been detected, violations of school policy will not be excused because the student has requested counseling.

Offenses and violations of this policy are accumulative:

1. during a student's participation in cocurricular and extracurricular activities at the elementary years (K-6);
2. during a student's participation in cocurricular and extracurricular activities at the middle school years (7-8) and
3. during a student's participation in cocurricular and extracurricular activities at the high school years (9-12).

According to State law, the Superintendent has the option of notifying the registrar of motor vehicles or Franklin County juvenile judge whenever a student is suspended or expelled for drug and/or alcohol possession or abuse. This may result in the loss of the student's driver's license.

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LEGAL REFS.: The Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.
Goals 2000: Educate America Act; 20 USC 6081 through 6084
ORC 3313.66; 3313.661; 3313.751
3794.01; 3794.02; 3794.03(F); 3794.04; 3794.06
OAC 3301-35-02; 3301-35-04

CROSS REFS.: JFA, Student Due Process Rights
JFC, Student Conduct
JGD, Student Suspension
JGE, Student Expulsion
Student Handbook