

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

Code **JICH** Issued **9/04**

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the board's prohibition of student drug and alcohol use.

No student, regardless of age, will possess, use, sell, purchase, barter, distribute or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or other controlled substances in the following circumstances.

- on center property (including buildings, grounds, vehicles)
- at any center-sponsored activity, function or event whether on or off center grounds (including any place where an interscholastic athletic contest is taking place)
- during any field trip
- during any trip or activity sponsored by the board or under the supervision of the board or its authorized agents

No student will aid, abet, assist or conceal the possession, consumption, purchase or distribution of any alcoholic beverage by any other student or students in any of the circumstances listed above.

No student will market or distribute any substance which is represented to be or is substantially similar in color, shape, size or markings of a controlled substance in any of the circumstances listed above.

The director will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies and will report to them all information that would be considered pertinent or beneficial in their efforts to stop the sale, possession and use of controlled substances.

The administration will suspend students who violate this policy and may expel them. The board intends to expel all students who distribute any controlled substance on center grounds.

Adopted 3/18/85; Revised 9/14/04

Legal references:

I. Alcohol:

A. S.C. Constitution:

1. Article XVII, Section 14 - Must be over 21 to possess distilled liquors.

B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 16-17-530 - Students who come to school in an intoxicated condition, or conduct themselves in a disorderly or boisterous manner, could be arrested for a misdemeanor.
2. Section 59-67-150 - Drinking alcoholic liquors on a school bus is prohibited.

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II. Drugs:

A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 44-53-110, et seq. - Lists of illicit drugs.
2. Section 44-53-140 - Student addicted or dependent upon a drug may seek counseling concerning treatment or therapy from a guidance counselor or teacher without fear of legal action.
3. Section 44-53-370 - Unlawful for any person to possess scheduled drug unless obtained by valid prescription.
4. Section 44-53-440 - Person over 18 who distributes a controlled substance to person under 18 shall be guilty of felony and sentenced to no more than 20 years with no suspension or probation.
5. Section 44-49-80 - Establishment of drug abuse treatment program in public schools.