

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Farrell Area School District

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1. Preface	The following drug, alcohol, and tobacco policy and administrative guidelines are a coordinated effort by the Farrell Area School District to effectively respond to the current and potential uses and abuses of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco substances by members of the student body.	2 3 4 5 6 7
2. Policy	The Farrell Area School District will work to educate the entire student body concerning the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. It will, furthermore, work to prevent and intervene in the use and abuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by members of the student body. Methods for accomplishing these goals include: implementing up-to-date curriculum, enforcing administrative guidelines and disciplinary procedures, involving grade level Support Teams (see III, J) when appropriate, and by communicating and cooperating with all involved outside agencies when deemed appropriate and advisable.	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
3. Definitions	<p>A. Drug/Alcohol/Mood Altering Substances – shall include all alcoholic beverages, drugs listed in Act 64 (1974) as a controlled substance, prescription medications, or over-the-counter pills, drugs, or substances intended to excite, relax, or alter moods. Examples include, but are not limited to: beer, wine, liquor, marijuana, hashish, cocaine in all forms, hallucinogens, opiates, barbiturates, stimulants, chemical solvents, glue, look-alike substances, inhalants, steroids, and “designer drugs”. Any capsule, tablet, liquid not registered with the school nurse, noted within student’s health record, and given in accordance with the school district’s policy for the administration of medication to students in school also may fall under this category.</p> <p>B. Tobacco – shall include cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, smokeless or chewing tobacco, or any other product that contains tobacco.</p> <p>C. Drug Paraphernalia – shall include any utensil or item which in the school’s judgement can be associated with the use of drugs, alcohol, or mood altering substances. Examples include, but are not limited to: roach clips, pipes, spoons, razor blades, rolling papers, syringes, measuring scales, cigars, and beepers.</p> <p>D. Possession – to possess or hold any alcohol, drug, or tobacco substance as defined by this policy. This not only includes being found on one’s person, but also in one’s property such as in a book, a purse, a book bag, an assigned or unassigned locker, etc.</p> <p>E. Distributing – to deliver, sell, pass, share, or give any alcohol, drug, or mood altering substances, as defined in this policy, from one person to another, or aid therein.</p>	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

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- F. **Cooperative Behavior** – shall be defined as the willingness of the student to comply with the requests or recommendation of the staff, school personnel, and/or licensed drug and alcohol facility/agency.
- G. **Uncooperative Behavior** – is resistance or refusal on the part of the student to comply with the requests and recommendations of the staff, school personnel, and/or licensed drug and alcohol facility. Deceit, defiance, truancy, assault, threatening behavior, and passive non-compliance are some examples.
- H. **Searches** – when there is reasonable cause to believe that a student may be in possession of contraband, the school principal may initiate a search of the student's locker, possessions, or person. The student should first be told to turnover the suspected contraband or agree to a search before an involuntary search is conducted. An adult staff member shall witness the search. With all searches, the primary purpose is the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of students, faculty, school property, and the educational process. (PDE's Guidelines of January 1987, are incorporated herein by reference).
- I. **Proof of Guilt** – for purposes of carrying out the administrative guideline, disciplinary action, proof of guilt is defined as the reasonable conclusions of building administrators based on the evidence gathered. This does not refer to proof of guilt as determined by a court of law.
- J. **Support Teams** – these are groups of professional school personnel educated in the areas of prevention, identification, and intervention of student drug and alcohol problems and other at risk issues. This team may consist of the health instructor, school nurse, guidance staff, school psychologist, building administrator, teachers, and any other appropriate social service representatives as defined by the team. Grades K-6 operate as the Instructional Support Team; grads 7 and 8, the Middle School Support team; and grades 9-12, the High School Support Team.
- K. **Outside Referral** – when the school refers a student to an agency licensed by the state to assess and treat individuals who use or abuse drugs and/or alcohol. Other agencies may also be involved as are appropriate for the individual case.

4. Rules and Regulations

A district student who possesses, uses, is under the influence, dispenses, sells, aids in the procurement of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco shall be subject to the disciplinary procedures outlined in the student handbook and administrative guidelines. This holds true during school sessions, during all school sponsored activities, while anywhere on school grounds, or while riding school transportation. If any person's actions are in

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5. Administrative Guidelines	218.2 Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Policy and Administrative Guidelines – pg. 3 violation of the aforementioned rules or a potential danger to students or staff, law enforcement involvement may occur. Administrative guidelines represent a major component in FASD's effort to prevent the use and abuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by members of the student body and to intervene when such use or abuse is suspected or known. These guidelines are intended to provide a consistent minimum disciplinary means to respond to various incidents and situations. The administration and school board reserve the right to use any extraordinary measures deemed necessary to enforce the rules and regulations, even if not specifically stated herein. Individual student's rights and the safety and welfare of the student body are both considered in any decision.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44
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