

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

Principals and school officials are instructed to cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies and are to report to them any and all information that would be considered beneficial in their efforts to stem illegal drug use. Law enforcement agencies are permitted to make periodic visits to all schools to detect the presence of illegal drugs, and may use any lawful means at their disposal to detect the presence of such substances. The visits will be unannounced to anyone except the Superintendent (or designee) and principal.

The Board may withdraw the privilege of attending public school from those students who have been found to violate Board policy and/or the law regarding illegal substances brought before them. Before the students can return to school they must produce a negative urinalysis test. The urinalysis test must be conducted by a school board approved agency and funded by the parent or guardian.

Sale and Transfer

1. The sale, transfer, and/or attempt to sell and/or transfer of controlled substances, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, opiates, alcoholic beverages, or intoxicant of any kind is a Class III Major Offense.
2. Any person who sells, transfers, and/or attempts to sell and/or transfer controlled substances, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, opiates, alcoholic beverages, or intoxicant of any kind on school property or during a school related activity shall be subjected to criminal prosecution.
3. The Superintendent shall recommend for expulsion from Athens City Schools any student who sells, transfers, or attempts to sell or transfer controlled substances, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, opiates, alcoholic beverages, or intoxicant of any kind.

Use and Possession

1. Use and/or possession of controlled substances, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, opiates, alcoholic beverages, or intoxicant of any kind is a Class III Major Offense.
2. Any person who uses and/or possesses, or attempts to use and/or possess controlled substances, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, opiates, alcoholic beverages, or intoxicant of any kind on school property or during a school related activity shall be subjected to criminal prosecution.
3. The Superintendent may recommend for expulsion from Athens City Schools any student who uses or possesses, or attempts to use or possess controlled substances, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, opiates, alcoholic beverages, or intoxicant of any kind.

This policy shall not be read to contradict federal and state laws/regulations concerning students with disabilities. When disciplinary measures involve students with disabilities, said law/regulations shall prevail in the case of any inconsistency with this policy.

Students will not be allowed to appear upon the campus, or at any school sponsored activity, function, or event not on campus, during the day or evening of that same day after having, on that said day, consumed or used or possessed any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind. Violators will be subjected to the penalties and punishments herein defined.

For purposes of this policy, the phrase “alcoholic beverages” includes, but is not limited to, any drinks, beverages, powders, or substances that are or can be used to deliver intoxicating alcohol to a person consuming or using the same.

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