

Shelby County Board of Education
ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

6056

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I. PURPOSE

To protect the rights of students, to safeguard the learning environment, and to contribute to a “Drug-Free” community.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all schools in the Shelby County Schools district.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

In order to protect the rights of students, to safeguard the learning environment, and to contribute to a “Drug-Free” community, Shelby County Schools advocates prevention, treatment, and intervention regarding student drug and alcohol use.

Therefore, the Superintendent shall develop a plan and programs to address the needs of students surrounding drugs and alcohol. The plan shall include the following:

1. Appropriate ways for handling alcohol/drug-related medical emergencies;
2. Guidelines for reporting alcohol/drug incidents and illegal activities;
3. Guidelines for referral of student who may have an alcohol/drug problem and/or are considered “high risk” to agencies and other sources of appropriate help;
4. Effective working relationship with appropriate community agencies, such as alcohol/drug service providers, law enforcement agencies and judicial officials.

Students shall not consume, possess, use, purchase, sell, distribute, or be under the influence of tobacco products, illegal drugs (including prescription drugs for which the student does not have a prescription), or alcoholic beverages in school buildings or on school grounds at any time, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school-sponsored activity, function or event whether on or off school grounds. Possession of lighters, matches, or drug paraphernalia is similarly prohibited.

Additionally, students are prohibited from giving any drug, prescription or non-prescription, to another student.

Disciplinary sanctions will be imposed on students who violate standards of conduct required by this policy. Such sanctions will be consistent with local, state and federal laws and the Shelby County Schools Student Code of Conduct, up to and including suspension/expulsion as well as referral for prosecution.

Completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program may also be recommended.

Information about drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation programs will be made available through the school office.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Principal, teachers, and counselors are responsible for implementing curricula on alcohol and drug education for students in accordance with this policy.
- B. The Superintendent's designee is responsible for developing the Superintendent's plan for drug and alcohol prevention in accordance with federal law governing drug and violence prevention programs.
- C. The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that this policy is followed.

Legal References:

- 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(d)
- 2. 20 USCA § 7116; 34 CFR § 86.200
- 3. TCA 39-17-401-454; TCA 39-17-715
- 4. TCA 49-6-4209; TCA 49-6-3401
- 5. TCA 39-17-1504-1505

Cross References:

- 1. 1008 Drug-Free Environment
- 2. 6023 Student Discipline
- 3. 6028 Tobacco Use or Possession