

# Hancock County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Drug-Free Schools</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.307</b>	Issued Date: <b>08/06/15</b>
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1 In order to protect the rights of students, to safeguard the learning environment, and to contribute to a "Drug Free"  
2 community, the Board's plan for dealing with alcohol and drugs<sup>1</sup> shall include the following:

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

9 Through the use of state guidelines the director of schools shall be responsible for:

- 10 1. Developing and implementing an appropriate curriculum on alcohol and drug education for students;
- 11 2. Providing adequate information and training for all staff personnel as appropriate to their responsibilities;
- 12 3. Implementing the relevant portions of the Drug-Free Youth Act<sup>2</sup> ;
- 13 4. Developing administrative rules and guidelines for the school system to effectively respond to alcohol  
14 and drug situations that may occur at school or school-sponsored events; and
- 15 5. Providing notification to parents and students that compliance with this policy is mandatory.

16 Students shall not consume, possess, use, sell, distribute or be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcoholic  
17 beverages in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school- sponsored activity,  
18 function or event whether on or off school grounds.<sup>3</sup> This includes but is not limited to abuse of inhalants and  
19 prescription drugs.

20 Disciplinary sanctions shall be imposed on students who violate standards of conduct required by this policy. Such  
21 sanctions shall be consistent with local, state and federal laws, up to and including suspension/expulsion as well  
22 as referral for prosecution.<sup>4</sup> Completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program may also be recommended.

23 Information about drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation programs shall be made available through the  
24 school office.  
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#### Legal References

1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(d)
2. 20 USCA § 7116; 34 CFR § 86.200.
3. TCA 39-17-417; TCA 39-17-715
4. TCA 49-6-4209; TCA 49-6-3401

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#### Cross References

- Drug-Free Workplace 1.804  
Zero Tolerance Offenses 6.309  
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316