

Van Buren County Board of Education

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1 In order to protect the rights of students, to safeguard the learning environment, and to contribute
2 to a "Drug Free" community, the Board's plan for dealing with alcohol and drugs¹ shall include the
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- 5 1. Appropriate ways for handling alcohol/drug-related medical emergencies;
- 6 2. Guidelines for reporting alcohol/drug incidents and illegal activities;
- 7 3. Guidelines for referral of students who may have an alcohol/drug problem and/or are consid-
8 ered "high risk" to agencies and other sources of appropriate help;
- 9 4. Effective working relationships with appropriate community agencies, such as alcohol/drug
10 service providers, law enforcement agencies and judicial officials.
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12 Through the use of state guidelines the director of schools shall be responsible for:

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- 14 1. Developing and implementing an appropriate curriculum on alcohol and drug education for
15 students;
- 16 2. Providing adequate information and training for all staff personnel as appropriate to their
17 responsibilities;
- 18 3. Implementing the relevant portions of the Drug-Free Youth Act² ;
- 19 4. Developing administrative rules and guidelines for the school system to effectively respond
20 to alcohol and drug situations that may occur at school or school-sponsored events; and
- 21 5. Providing notification to parents and students that compliance with this policy is mandatory.
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23 Students will not consume, possess, distribute or be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcoholic
24 beverages in school buildings or on school grounds, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school-
25 sponsored activity at any time, whether on or off school grounds.³

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27 Disciplinary sanctions will be imposed on students who violate standards of conduct required by
28 this policy. Such sanctions will be consistent with local, state and federal laws, up to and including
29 suspension/expulsion as well as referral for prosecution.⁴ Completion of an appropriate rehabilitation
30 program may also be recommended.

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

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37 Legal References:

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

Cross References:

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