

## STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

The Jackson Parish School Board is dedicated to providing a drug-free learning environment for the students attending public schools. The Board directs that each student shall be specifically prohibited from being under the influence of, bringing on, consuming, or having in possession, exchanging, distributing, selling, or possession with intention of selling, on a school bus, on school premises, or at a school function away from the school, any alcoholic beverages, intoxicating liquors, narcotic drugs, prescription medications, marijuana, inhalants, imitation or counterfeit controlled substances, or other controlled substance as defined by state statutes, unless dispensed by a licensed physician as allowed by law. The Superintendent shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate procedures for the detection of alcohol, drugs, or any imitation or other controlled substances. Any student found in violation of the above shall be suspended and recommended for expulsion by the principal.

### REPORTS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

State law mandates that teachers and other school employees report suspected substance abuse in school. These cases shall be reported to the principal and his/her designee in the school. School officials, teachers and/or Board employees shall report all violators to the principal, who in turn, shall notify the proper law enforcement agency and shall cooperate with the prosecuting attorney's office in the prosecution of charges.

Any student arrested for distribution on school property shall be referred by the school principal or his/her designee, within five (5) days after such arrest, for testing or screening by a qualified medical professional or the Coordinator of the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program for evidence of abuse of alcohol, illegal narcotics, drugs, or other controlled dangerous substances.

Reports shall also be made to the Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance and the Coordinator of the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, who shall investigate, research, and report on instances or reports of possession of prohibited substances or beverages.

Any student found in violation of the above shall be suspended and attend a required hearing of parent, student, principal, and Superintendent or his/her designee, at the Jackson Parish School Board office within ten (10) school days of the beginning of the suspension. Until a due process hearing is held, the student will remain on suspension. The principal shall immediately notify the parents or guardian, by telephone, of any student found in violation of this policy. If the parents or guardian cannot be reached by phone, the principal shall then notify them of the action by sending a letter and/or the suspension form within twenty-four (24) hours. Care shall be given to afford due process to all students.

The principal, Coordinator of Safe and Drug Free Schools program, and law enforcement officer shall report findings along with the recommendation for treatment, counseling or

other appropriate action to the Superintendent or the Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance at the due process hearing.

Any student who exchanges, distributes, sells, dispenses, or possesses with the intention of selling any manner or form whatsoever a controlled dangerous substance as defined by state law to another student or anyone else while on the school premises or at a school function shall be expelled pursuant to the provisions and guidelines as set forth in state law and Board policy.

### DRUG FREE ZONES

It is unlawful for anyone to use, distribute, be under the influence of, manufacture or possess any controlled substances as defined by statute on or around school property or an area within 2,000 feet of any property used for school purposes by any school, or on a school bus. These areas shall be designated as *Drug Free Zones*. The Jackson Parish School Board, in cooperation with local governmental agencies, and the Louisiana Department of Education, shall designate and mark *Drug Free Zones* which surround all schools and school property.

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Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§14:403.1, 17:405, 17:416, 40:617.1, 40:961, 40:962, 40:963, 40:964, 40:967, 40:968, 40:969, 40:970, 40:971, 40:971.1; Board minutes, 11-5-93, 7-1-96, 1-3-11.