



DEPAUL COLLEGE PREP

DePaul College Prep Drug, Alcohol, Vaping and Tobacco Prevention Policy

Education and Prevention First

The health and wellness of our students are of great importance to us. Adolescent brains are still in development and are impacted by the use of unhealthy substances. Because of this, we take the possession, use or purchase of drugs, tobacco, vaping materials or devices, or alcohol very seriously. *In the spirit of restorative justice*, our first strategy at preventing the use of any of these substances is educating students, faculty and parents/guardians about the repercussions of use of these substances. Each year, students are educated through health and wellness presentations in the first semester of the school year. In their sophomore year, students take a Health course that includes curriculum on the mechanics and dangers of addiction and vaping specifically. We invite parents to partner with us in taking a proactive approach to preventing any use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping materials or devices, or drugs by continuously educating ourselves as adults **and** our children. **The substances covered by this policy are illegal for consumption either by persons under the age of 21 or by anyone at any time, ie, illegal substances.**

To discourage use, possession or sale of drugs, alcohol, vaping materials or devices, or tobacco on school grounds or at a school-sponsored function, random searches will be completed throughout the school year. This process will include a search of randomly selected students, including their bags/backpacks, lockers and gym/athletic bags.

Chemical Abuse Referral Education (C.A.R.E.) Program

Consistent with our mission to create an educated and just world, one student at a time, DePaul College Prep seeks to educate students and their families about the health issues associated with drug, alcohol and tobacco use. We have created the C.A.R.E. program in order for students experiencing problems with alcohol and other drugs or tobacco to receive professional assistance in partnership with the Rosecrance Health Network. Our C.A.R.E. program seeks to involve students, their parents or guardians, and select members of our staff in a joint effort to deal constructively with problems associated with substance use and abuse. The two means by which a student becomes a participant in the program are (1) voluntarily through self-reporting an issue a student is experiencing or (2) an Alternative to Suspension via the Dean's Office.

Any participation in the C.A.R.E. program, whether voluntarily or by way of Alternative to Suspension, is judged to be a good faith effort by the student and his or her family to find a real solution to an equally real and potentially destructive habit or addiction. Additionally, participation in the C.A.R.E. program will not become a part of the student's permanent school record. No evidence of the student's having been referred for observation or processed for an assessment and possible treatment will be shared with any institution, academic or otherwise.

Voluntary Participation

Voluntary participation generally results when a student or an advocate of the student submits his or her name to their counselor or the school nurse.

Voluntary participation includes, but is not limited to the following: (1) individual support from a school counselor (2) small group support (3) parent support and assistance, (4) teacher consultation/referrals, and (5) professional consultation.

Self or advocate-originated identification is always treated with confidentiality. It is not punitive. The procedure for self or advocate-originated identification is as follows:

- ❖ Student or advocate meets with a teacher, counselor, coach, or other DePaul College Prep staff member.
- ❖ The student's counselor will host a meeting with the parent(s), student, and Principal to plan a course of action and treatment.

Response to Suspicion or Incident

Evidence that a student uses, purchases, or is under the influence of alcohol/drugs, or in possession of tobacco, alcohol, vaping materials and devices, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, for example but not limited to: vaping pens or devices, vaping device chargers, marijuana pipes or bongos, rolling papers, or lighters on school property or school-related function, will result in disciplinary action and parent notification.

First Offense:

- ❖ 5 day in-school suspension OR agreement to participate in the C.A.R.E. Program in partnership with Rosecrance Health Network.
 - If a student chooses the 5 Day in-school suspension, the following applies:
 - Participation in a drug test via Rosecrance Health Network at the expense of the parent before the student is able to return to school. Information to be provided to parents by school.
 - Student may not practice on any athletic team or participate in athletic contests.
 - Student may not attend club meetings or participate in club activities.
 - Student may not participate in other school sponsored events such as a dance or fair.
 - All school work submitted will be graded at a maximum of 69%.
 - The student will be placed on Discipline, Attendance, and Academic Probation.
 - The suspension will be part of the student's school record and will be required to be disclosed on college applications.
 - Student must abide by a Behavior Modification Contract and submit to an additional drug test after 100 days.
 - If a student chooses the C.A.R.E Program, the following applies:
 - Student may practice on any athletic team but may not participate in athletic contests for a number of contests to be determined by the coach, Athletic Director, and school administration.
 - Student may limit or jeopardize his/her status in all school clubs and participation in activities as determined by the club moderator, Dean of Student Activities, and school administration.
 - Students must be tested by and enrolled with the Rosecrance Health Network, which will be monitored by the student's counselor and the Dean of Students to ensure adherence to the totality of this program, as well the established time frame required for adherence of this program. Failure to complete all required steps of this program will cause the student to revert to a 5-day suspension as described in the section above. All costs of this program will be at the expense of the parent/guardian.
 - Submit to an additional drug test at the end of the Rosecrance Intervention Educational Sessions.
- ❖ *Behavior Modification Contract* to be signed by the student, parent, and principal. This contract outlines behavioral expectations for student for the duration of the school year.

Second Offense:

If a student violates his/her *Behavior Modification Contract* and uses, purchases, or is under the influence of alcohol/drugs, or in possession of tobacco, vaping materials or devices, alcohol, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia for a second time, the student will face the following disciplinary action and parent notification:

- 3 or 5 Day out-of-school suspension, in which the following applies:
 - Student may not practice on any athletic team or participate in athletic contests for the duration of their suspension.
 - Student may not attend club meetings or participate in club activities for the duration of their suspension.
 - Student may not participate in other school sponsored events such as a dance or fair for the duration of their suspension.
 - All school work submitted will be graded at a maximum of 69%
 - The suspension will be part of the student's school record, and student will be required to disclose suspension on college applications.
- DePaul College Prep Administrative Review process to decide on a course of treatment and education, or immediate expulsion. Student must participate in additional drug testing with the Rosecrance Health Network. All costs of this program will be at the expense of the parent/guardian.

Third Offense:

The student will be dismissed from DePaul College Prep.

Other Offenses:

- **Off-Campus Violations:** If a situation is brought to our attention in which a student, or students, is/are found to be in violation of the DePaul College Prep Drug, Tobacco, Vaping and Alcohol Policy outside of school, DePaul College Prep reserves the right to investigate and take necessary disciplinary steps.

- **Sale of Illegal Substances or Prescription Medication:** Possession of or control of any illegal substance or prescription medicine with the intent to sell or distribute will result in immediate expulsion from DePaul College Prep. Distribution includes sharing or selling any illegal substance or prescription medicine.