

## OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

### **USE/POSSESSION/DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS: INCLUDING UNAUTHORIZED PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS CODE OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE**

9085

*References: KRS 158.150, KRS 160.290, Chapter 218A, OAG 82-633*

*Relates to: Policies 4064, 9065, 9033, 9035, 9068, 9080, 9085.01AR, 9085.02AR*

The Oldham County Board of Education is committed to the education of every student in drug/alcohol/tobacco abuse awareness and pledges to work cooperatively to achieve zero tolerance of substance abuse in our schools.

No pupil shall possess, use, consume, sell, distribute, or be under the influence of any alcohol, controlled substance or any substance that "looks like" a controlled substance, including synthetic marijuana and bath salts or substances illegally obtained, or used in a manner or for a purpose other than prescribed or intended use by the manufacturer, any unauthorized prescription or over-the-counter drugs, or any drug paraphernalia on or about school property, at any location of a school sponsored activity, or en route to or from school or a school sponsored activity. Natural substances, including but not limited to herbs, mushrooms, and plants, that contain compounds that have psychotropic or hallucinogenic effects are prohibited by this policy. Examples include kratom, psilocybe mushrooms, peyote cactus, *Salvia divinorum*, and bark, leaves or stems of various plants containing DMT.

A "controlled substance" is defined in federal regulation and includes such drugs as marijuana, narcotics, steroids, hallucinogens, and illegal stimulants or depressants. "Drug Paraphernalia" means all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance.

A student may be considered "under the influence" when one or more of the following indicators are noted: vomiting, staggering, odor, incoherence/disorientation, slurred speech, dilated pupils, and/or other physical evidence.

Toward the goal of maintaining a drug and alcohol-free environment, while acknowledging that drug and alcohol dependency in an illness that requires assistance and treatment, the Board fully supports the provision of instruction in the areas of substance abuse prevention and intervention and strongly encourages assessment of potential chemical dependency concerns. Further, knowledge of such matters shall be required as a graduation exit standard, pursuant to Board Policy 4064.