

**Policy Statement # 4210 (Supporting Services)
Regarding Alcohol and Controlled Substances Use and Testing Program for Student Transportation**

I. Purpose

- A. To ensure that students who are riding in vehicles owned or contracted by Calvert County Public Schools are transported safely on routes.
- B. To ensure that all individuals who drive vehicles contracted by Calvert County Public Schools to transport students on routes have met alcohol and controlled substances use and testing requirements.

II. Definitions

- A. School vehicle - Any motor vehicle that is used regularly for the exclusive transportation of children, students, or teachers for educational purposes or in connection with a school activity, is either a Type I or Type II school vehicle as defined in the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and is not excluded by the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- B. Driver - an individual who has applied for certification with, employment with or is employed by Calvert County Public Schools or an entity contracting with Calvert County Public Schools as an alternative vehicle driver, school vehicle driver, or taxi driver;; or is an owner-operator of an alternative vehicle, school vehicle or taxi; and is certified and verified by the local school system as having met all local, state, and federal requirements to be a driver of students on routes.

III. Policy Statement

- A. The Calvert County Board of Education recognizes the importance of ensuring the safe transportation of students. In addition, the Board of Education is committed to maintaining exemplary driver standards. Therefore, the Board of Education requires that every student transportation trainee and driver participate in an alcohol and controlled substances testing program which complies with the standards set in federal and state laws and regulations.

IV. Delegation of Authority

- A. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations, and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.

V. Exceptions

- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent

local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

VI. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective August 10, 2023.

Citations

State Law: §11-154 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

State Reg.: COMAR 13A.06.07.07(C)(1)(a)(iv); 13A.06.07.11 (as amended)

Federal Law: 49 CFR 40, and 49 CFR 382, and 49 CFR 391.1 (as amended)

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation:

Related Policy

1540 Regarding the Prohibition of Drugs and Alcohol on School Property