

Drug Free Policy

I. The Policy

- A. It is the policy of the Lafayette School Corporation to maintain a learning and working environment that is free of illicit drugs, alcohol, marijuana and controlled substances.
- B. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student of the Lafayette School Corporation to consume, possess, offer, provide, transmit, administer, or be under the influence of an illicit drug, alcohol, marijuana, controlled substance, a prescription drug [except as authorized in a prescription by a licensed health care provider and in accordance with policy J700], inhalant, solvent, or other volatile substances, or combination of volatile substances, contrary to safety instructions provided on the product's labeling, or the direction of school personnel, or to abuse an over-the-counter medication while under the jurisdiction of the Lafayette School Corporation.
- C. It shall be a violation for a student to possess a raw material, an instrument, a device, or other object that the student intends to use for:
 - 1. Introducing into the person's body a controlled substance;
 - 2. Testing the strength, effectiveness, or purity of a controlled substance; or
 - 3. Enhancing the effect of a controlled substance.while the student is under the jurisdiction of the Lafayette School Corporation.
- D. For any student participating in extra-curricular, co-curricular, or leadership activities, there is a higher expectation regarding the use of the substances described in section I. B. This higher expectation applies to conduct on or off school grounds, beyond the normal school day, and beyond the normal school year.

II. Definitions/Expectations

- A. A controlled substance is defined as set out in the Indiana Criminal Code (I.C. 35-48-1-9) and includes, but is not limited to, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, inhalants, or intoxicants of any kind. In this policy, any substance represented to be or thought by the intended recipient to be an illicit or prescription drug is considered to be a controlled substance.
- B. The Lafayette School Corporation's jurisdiction is defined as:
 - 1. On school grounds, including facilities where school programs are conducted, at any time;
 - 2. Off school grounds at a school activity, function or event;
 - 3. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; and
 - 4. On or off school grounds, beyond the normal school day, and beyond the normal school year for students participating in extra-curricular, co-curricular, or leadership activities.
- C. Abuse of an over-the-counter medication is defined as the consumption of a dosage of medication in excess of the recommended maximum dosage listed on the original container.
- D. Extra-curricular participation is defined as a student who represents any school in the Lafayette School Corporation in any of the following circumstances: athletics, school

organizations which function during non-instructional time, co-curricular activities that perform or have activities that take place outside of the normal school day or school year, or positions of leadership/role model (defined as, but not limited to, student government officers, class officers). When a student participates in any of these activities, the student accepts and assumes a special responsibility to conduct himself/herself in an exemplary manner. He/she must abide by the higher conduct described in Section I. D. and set forth in Appendix D.

- E. In addition to the higher expectations cited in sections I. D. and II. D., respectively, students choosing to participate in an extra-curricular, co-curricular, or leadership activity are expected to comply with any rule or rules that the coach, teacher, director, or sponsor of the activity may deem necessary for the success of his/her extra-curricular, co-curricular, or leadership activity. These rules shall be provided in writing.
- F. The attached Letter of Participation (Appendix D) shall be signed by all students who participate in any extra-curricular, co-curricular, or leadership activity in the Lafayette School Corporation.

III. Procedures for Reporting a Violation to the Drug Free Policy

- A. Any person who alleges violation of the drug-free policy by any student in the Lafayette School Corporation may use the reporting procedure explained below in Section III. C. or may file a complaint directly with his/her immediate supervisor or building principal. Filing of a valid complaint or otherwise reporting violations of the drug-free policy will not reflect upon the said complainant's status nor will it affect future grades or work assignments.
- B. The right of confidentiality, both of the complainant and of the accused, will be respected consistent with the school corporation's legal obligations and the necessity to investigate allegations of misconduct and to take corrective action when this conduct has occurred.
- C. All allegations of violation of the drug-free policy shall be handled in the following manner:
 - 1. Any and all reports of the violation shall be investigated by the building principal, supervisor, superintendent, or designee;
 - 2. Reports must be in writing on forms supplied by the Corporation (Appendix A). The person making the report must sign the report. The name of the person making the report will remain confidential unless there is a written waiver of this confidentiality or as required by law;
 - 3. Reports must name the person(s) charged with the violation if known and state the facts;
 - 4. Reports must be presented to the building principal where the student attends. The building principal shall inform the superintendent, or his/her designee, of all filed reports;
 - 5. The building principal who receives a report shall investigate the alleged violation within ten (10) days or as soon as practical (Appendix B);

6. The report and the results of the investigation will be presented to the superintendent or his/her designee within ten (10) days of the completed investigation or within a reasonable period of time (Appendix C);
7. The superintendent or designee will take appropriate action consistent with due process; and,
8. The complainant shall not be subjected to any adverse treatment for having made a valid complaint of a violation of the drug-free policy.

IV. Sanctions for Violating the Drug Free Policy

A substantiated charge against a student in the corporation shall subject that student to disciplinary action which may include :

1. Suspension and/or expulsion consistent with state law and/or disciplinary action outlined in the student handbook.
2. For violations of the extra-curricular expectation, consequences will be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Extra-Curricular and/or Athletic Code of Conduct.
3. For students participating in co-curricular activities, the consequences will be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct.
4. For a student recommended for expulsion and charged with a first offense for possession or use, the principal may offer to have the student's expulsion suspended if they enroll and participate in an appropriate intervention-training program as recommended by the assessment counselor. If a student does not enroll and complete the recommendation of the assessment counselor, the expulsion order shall remain in force. The assessment counselor's recommendation may require the student to:
 - a. Participate in an appropriate educational program approved by the principal;
 - b. Participate in an out-patient counseling program; and/or
 - c. Participate in an in-patient program.
5. Parents shall be responsible for paying any costs associated with services recommended by the assessment counselor.

V. False Reporting

Any complainant who knowingly files false charges against an employee or a student in an attempt to demean, harass, abuse, or embarrass that individual shall be subject to disciplinary action consistent with school policy and state law.

VI. Notification

Notice of the policy will be circulated to all schools and departments of the Lafayette School Corporation and incorporated in each student handbook.

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