

STUDENTS

Use of Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor or Alternative Nicotine Products

A. Drug-Free Schools

The Superintendent shall establish regulations to promote a drug-free environment in the schools, on school property and vehicles, and at school sponsored events. In accordance with guidance from the Virginia Department of Education as well as applicable law and regulation, the School Division will notify all families in the school division when a school-connected student overdose occurs.

B. Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor or Alternative Nicotine Products

Students are prohibited from smoking, distributing, selling, using or possessing tobacco products, nicotine vapor or alternative nicotine products at all times while on School Board owned or leased property, in School Board owned or leased vehicles, in any vehicle parked on School Board owned or leased property, at school-sponsored or school-related activities, and when going to or coming from school. Students in violation of this Regulation will be disciplined in accordance with the School Division's Code of Student Conduct.

C. Alcohol and Imitation alcohol products

Students shall not possess, distribute, sell, serve or consume any alcoholic beverages or imitation alcoholic beverage in or upon the grounds of any school, school vehicles, or at school

sponsored events except for religious congregations that have rented school facilities and are using wine for sacramental purposes only.

D. Discipline

Students in violation of this Policy, applicable law or regulation or the Code of Student Conduct will be disciplined in accordance with applicable policy or regulation and the Code of Student Conduct. School administrators may refer violations to law enforcement or the court system.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 4.1-309, as amended. Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages in or on public school grounds; penalty.

Code of Virginia § 16.1-278.9, as amended. Delinquent children; loss of driving privileges for alcohol, firearm and drug offenses; truancy.

Code of Virginia § 18.2-247, as amended. Use of terms "controlled substances," "marijuana," "Schedules I, II, III, IV, V and VI," "imitation controlled substance" and "counterfeit controlled substance" in Title 18.2.

Code of Virginia § 18.2-255, as amended. Distribution of certain drugs to persons under 18 prohibited; penalty.

Code of Virginia § 18.2-255.2, as amended. Prohibiting the sale of drugs on or near certain properties; penalty.

Code of Virginia § 18.2-371.2, as amended. Prohibiting purchase or possession of tobacco products by minors or sale of tobacco products, nicotine vapor products, and alternative nicotine products to minors.

Virginia Board of Education 8 VAC 20-310-10, as amended. Health education program.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-206, as amended. Instruction concerning drugs, alcohol and substance abuse.

Code of Virginia § 4-1.309.1, as amended. Possessing or consuming alcoholic beverage while operating a school bus; penalty.

Virginia Department of Education, *Best Practices: Executive Order Parental Notification, Law Enforcement Collaboration, and Student Education to Prevent Student Overdoses*, as amended. November 2023

Related Links

School Division [**Code of Student Conduct**](#)

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