



CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS STATEMENT ON ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

The Position of the Schools: CCIS schools and their respective parent bodies recognize that children grow and learn best in an environment free from intoxicating and controlled substances. To promote the health, safety, and personal excellence of each student, it is imperative that our schools maintain a substance free environment.

While member schools retain the autonomy to establish their own guidance and disciplinary procedures, consensus exists on these essential points:

- **Health and Learning Risks:** Underage consumption or use of alcohol, drugs, vaping products, and controlled substances, including prescription medications not prescribed to the student, poses serious dangers to the health and educational outcomes of developing children and emerging adults.
- **Safety and Learning Environment:** The provision and use of alcohol, drugs, vaping products, and controlled substances by students compromise the safety and educational climate for all students.
- **Prohibition of Substances:** Each school strictly prohibits underage consumption, possession, or use of intoxicating or controlled substances, including alcohol, marijuana, nicotine (including vaping products), prescription drugs not prescribed to the student, and illegal or unauthorized drugs. This policy applies during the school day, on campus at any time, and when the student is attending any off-campus event sponsored by the school.
- **Education and Guidance:** The schools are committed to implementing ongoing educational programs and guidance to help students understand the risks and consequences associated with substance use and abuse.
- **Aim of Policies:** The overriding aim of the schools' policies on alcohol, drugs, and controlled substances is to support the establishment and maintenance of drug-free school environments.