

Section J:

Knox County Board of Education

Students

Descriptor Term:

**Alcohol, Drug, and
Tobacco Use**

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2 In order to protect the rights of students, to safeguard the learning environment, and to contribute to an
3 alcohol, drug, and tobacco free environment, the Board's plan for addressing issues related to these
4 substances shall include the following¹:

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6 1. Appropriate ways for handling alcohol/drug-related medical emergencies;
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8 2. Guidelines for reporting alcohol/drug incidents and illegal activities;
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10 3. Guidelines for referral of students who may have an alcohol/drug problem and/or are considered
11 "high risk" to agencies and other sources of appropriate help;
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13 4. Effective working relationships with appropriate community agencies, such as alcohol/drug
14 service providers, law enforcement agencies and judicial officials; and
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16 5. Availability of information promoting a drug free environment to each school community.

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19 In accordance with state guidelines, the Director of Schools shall be responsible for:

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21 1. Developing and implementing an appropriate curriculum on alcohol and drug education for
22 students;
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24 2. Providing adequate information and training for all staff personnel as appropriate to their
25 responsibilities;
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27 3. Implementing the relevant portions of the Drug-Free Youth Act²;
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29 4. Developing administrative rules and guidelines for the school system to effectively respond to
30 alcohol, drug, and tobacco use situations that may occur at school or school-sponsored events.
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32 Students shall not use, possess, or distribute illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages or any tobacco products
33 or electronic cigarette/vaping devices or be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages in
34 school buildings or on school grounds, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school-sponsored activity at
35 any time, whether on or off school grounds.

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37 Students shall not market or distribute any substance which is represented to be or is substantially similar
38 in color, shape, size or markings to a controlled substance in school buildings or on school grounds, in
39 school vehicles or buses, or at any school-sponsored activity at any time, whether on or off school
40 grounds.³
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1 Upon information that a student is suspected of violating this policy, the principal of the school shall be
 2 notified immediately. If it is determined that board policy has indeed been violated, the principal shall
 3 notify the student’s parent or guardian and the appropriate law enforcement officials,⁴ if appropriate, and
 4 the student shall be subject to suspension.
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40 Legal References:

- 41 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(d).
- 42 2. T.C.A. § 55-10-701.
- 43 3. T.C.A. § 39-17-423.
- 44 4. T.C.A. § 49-6-4209.

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