



LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (LCPS)
2021-2022

**STUDENT and PARENT
ALCOHOL, DRUG, TOBACCO, & E-CIGARETTES ALERT**

- Students are prohibited from possessing, distributing, selling, using, or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and e-cigarettes on school property or while under the control or supervision of school personnel.
- Students who need to take medication (prescription or non-prescription) must comply with the provisions of Policy §8-53, which is available on the LCPS Website (www.lcps.org).
- Possession, sale, or distribution of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and e-cigarettes, paraphernalia, or look-a-like/imitation drugs is also prohibited and punishable under Policy 8240
- LCPS Policy 8240 is printed below and on the reverse side of this form. Please read the policy and discuss it with your child. If you have any questions, contact your school's principal.

ALCOHOL, DRUG, TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES POLICY: 8240

The purpose of this policy is to promote and maintain a safe and healthy environment for the school community. The Loudoun County School Board is committed to supporting students to abstain from the possession, use, distribution, and/or sale of alcohol, illicit and unauthorized drugs, tobacco and e-cigarettes. Staff will intervene when a violation is detected, take appropriate corrective disciplinary action, and provide educational support for all students.

A. Prohibited Substances and Usage: Students are strictly prohibited from the following while under school authority, on a school bus, at a school bus stop, on school property, or at a school sponsored activity on or away from school property.

1. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of any drug or chemical substance that affects the brain or nervous system (including anabolic steroids) and any controlled substances (pill, capsule, tablet or any form which purports to act like a controlled substance) or any imitation or look-alike drug, controlled substance or marijuana.
2. The use or possession of alcohol (ethyl or grain alcohol obtained by distillation of any fermented liquor, shall include synthetic ethyl alcohol, spirits that includes brandy, rum, whiskey, vodka, scotch, gin, or any one or more, product or liquids shall include cough syrup, mouthwash, extracts and any other such products or material, whether solid or liquid, which contain alcohol) but shall not include methyl alcohol and alcohol completely denatured in accordance with formulas approved by the United States Government.
3. Being under the influence of drugs (stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, inhalants, opiates) including but not limited to narcotic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, and any anabolic steroid, synthetic drug, or any contraband or controlled substance.
4. Being under the influence of alcoholic beverages (wine, beer, every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol spirits), or intoxicants of any kind.
5. The sale, delivery or intent to sell or deliver alcohol or controlled substances.

6. The sale, distribution or intent to sell or distribute look-alike controlled substances or synthetic drugs (substances that are represented or perceived as an illegal drug or marijuana regardless of the true nature of the substance) regardless of whether they produce similar subjective effects to illegal drugs.

7. The use, possession or distribution of drug-related paraphernalia.

8. The sale or distribution of non-prescription medication (substances or drugs used in treating diseases, healing or relieving pain, not limited to, all over-the-counter drugs such as aspirin, cough syrups, gargles, caffeine pills, homeopathic treatments and the like) as well as prescription medications.

9. The sale, distribution, or possession of tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, blunts, bidis, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic smoking devices, and all other kinds, methods, products and any other products containing nicotine or accessories such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, and liquids used in electronic smoking devices to vape, whether or not they contain nicotine).

10. The use of tobacco (vaping, smoking, chewing, dipping, or any electronic smoking device use or any other use of tobacco products).

11. The sale or distribution of publications, T-shirts, other apparel or other printed matter, which advocate the use of illegal drugs or the abuse of legal drugs, which portray such use as socially acceptable behavior, or which advertise the sale of counterfeit or look-alike drugs or drug-related paraphernalia.

B. School Property. School property means in any building, structure, or vehicle owned, leased or contracted by the division, both on and off site, any property surrounding buildings and structures, athletic grounds, parking lots, or any other outdoor property owned, leased or contracted by the school division or a school division charter school, both on and off site.

C. School Responsibilities. Schools are responsible for maintaining an atmosphere conducive to learning and protecting students from illegal and harmful influences. All members of the school community are subject to the law, and school personnel have the obligation to report suspected violation of the law to proper authorities.

D. Possession of Prescription or Non-Prescription Medication. Students shall not possess any prescription or non-prescription medication with the exception of those identified in an approved health plan (e.g. inhalers, epi pens or prescription drugs) even if recommended or prescribed for the student's use. All such items shall be taken to the clinic by the parent(s), legal guardian(s), eligible student or other responsible adult, or to an office designated by the principal or designee, at the start of the school day for safekeeping.

E. Substance Use Education Program. All students who violate this policy shall be required to attend the Substance Use Education Class or Program. Attendance in the class or program is not a placement in an alternative education program. Additionally, all students who violate this policy shall be required to undergo an evaluation for drug or alcohol use, or both, by an appropriately licensed professional with expertise in substance use treatment. If recommended by an evaluator, and with the consent of the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) (or with the consent of the student if eligible), the student may be required to participate in a treatment program.

F. Violations. Violations of this policy shall result in the discipline outlined in the administrative regulation accompanying this policy.

G. Right of Appeal. Appeals will be processed as follows: A short-term suspension and an assignment to the Substance Use Education Class may be reviewed under School Board Policy §8-27. A long-term suspension and an assignment to the Substance Use Education Program may be appealed under School Board Policies §8-28 and §2-27.

H. Discipline Procedures. The provisions of this policy are intended to be and are hereby declared severable; in the event one or more portions are declared unenforceable by a court or competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not impair the enforceability of the remaining portions hereof.

[Former Policies 8-35, 8-36, 8-37] Adopted: 10-24-2017

Legal Refs: §§ 4.1-100, 22.1-277.04, and 22.1-277.05, Code of Virginia Cross Refs: Policy 8-27, Short Term Suspension, Policy 8-28, Disciplinary Action by the Division Superintendent, and 2-27, Student Discipline - Appeals and Hearings – Long Term Suspensions and Expulsions