

JICH - STUDENT CONDUCT INVOLVING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Poudre School District shall promote a healthy environment for students by providing education, support and decision-making skills in regard to alcohol, drugs and other controlled substances. In order to accomplish this goal, District personnel shall cooperate with law enforcement, social services and other agencies and organizations, parents, and any other recognized community resources committed to reducing the incidents of unauthorized use of drugs and alcohol by students.

Definitions:

For purposes of this Policy, the following meanings:

"Drugs" are all substances defined under state or federal law as "drugs" or "controlled substances," as well as analogues, counterfeit drugs and substances falsely represented as being drugs. As used in this policy, an "analogue" is a

District and school staff shall educate students on the detrimental impacts of alcohol and drugs and equip students with decision-making strategies and skills to minimize the use, abuse and distribution of these products.

Enforcement of this policy shall be done equitably, equally, and consistently. No student shall be subjected to a more severe consequence on the basis of the student's race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, age or disability.

As required by Colorado law, primary caregivers are permitted to administer medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form to students on District property and at District or school-sponsored activities and events in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in District Policy JLCD. Notwithstanding any provision of this Policy JICH to the contrary, students shall not be considered in violation of this Policy JICH and shall not be subject to discipline for acting in compliance with Policy JLCD.

The principal will provide full cooperation of the administration and faculty in appropriate police investigations relative to student possession of drug paraphernalia and possession, use, distribution, gift, purchase, exchange or sale of alcohol or unauthorized drugs. School administrators and staff will follow the District's procedures on referrals to or consultations with law enforcement.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY BY:

- **POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF MARIJUANA IN ITS TRADITIONAL/NATURAL FORM, UNAUTHORIZED DRUGS SOLD OVER THE COUNTER, OR DRUG PARAPHERNALIA;**
- **USE AND/OR BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, OR UNAUTHORIZED DRUGS SOLD OVER THE COUNTER:**

(Note that possession, of unauthorized drugs not sold over the counter, one or more grams of marijuana in its traditional/natural form, any amount of marijuana in its non-traditional/non-natural form (i.e., concentrates, edible, wax, etc.); use and/or being under the influence of unauthorized drugs not sold over the counter; and purchasing, distributing, exchanging, giving, or selling over-the-counter drugs or alcohol, may count toward the first, second or third offense under this section.)

FIRST OFFENSE

1. The student will be suspended from school for five (5) school days upon the first offense within one (1) calendar year. Up to four (4) days of this suspension may be deferred if the below steps are successfully completed.
 - a. A parent conference will be held to discuss the student's options.

- b. The school principal or designee will attempt to develop with the parent and the student a procedure that will outline the responsibilities of the parent, the student and the school in an effort to keep any further offenses from occurring.
- c. The student will be given the opportunity to participate in an appropriate drug and/or alcohol program, counseling, or both. Participation and completion of the program and/or counseling is required to maintain deferral of the remaining suspension days.

SECOND OFFENSE

1. The student will be suspended from school for ten (10) school days and will be recommended for expulsion upon the second offense within one (1) calendar year. Up to nine (9) school days of the suspension may be deferred. If the below steps are successfully completed, the recommendation for expulsion will be waived and removed from the student's disciplinary record.
2. A parent conference will be held to discuss the student's options.
3. The student will be given the opportunity to complete any of the following:
 - a. A District supported alcohol and/or drug education intervention program;
or
 - b. An alternative placement; or
 - c. A non-District supported alcohol and/or drug education intervention program selected by the student and the student's parent(s). The non-District supported program must be equivalent in content and length to the District program and must be agreed to by the student, the student's parent and the building administrator. Any fees associated with a non-District supported program will be the sole responsibility of the student and the student's parent.
4. If the student elects to participate in one of the options under Section 3, a written agreement will be completed with the Superintendent or designee, the school principal or designee, the student, and the student's parent. The agreement must contain a provision that the remaining school days of suspension and recommendation to expel will be reinstated for the offense if the student fails to comply with the terms of the agreement. The student's parent may be asked to provide a written release to the Superintendent or designee and/or the building principal or designee so that individual(s) can access information from the intervention/treatment program provider in order to

5. If the student and the student's parent do not enter into a written agreement, the procedures regarding suspension/expulsion of students in Policy JKD/JKE and JKD/JKE-R will be followed.

THIRD OFFENSE

1. The student shall be recommended for expulsion upon the third offense and all subsequent offenses within one (1) calendar year.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY BY:

- **POSSESSION OF UNAUTHORIZED DRUGS NOT SOLD OVER THE COUNTER OR ONE OR MORE GRAMS OF MARIJUANA IN ITS TRADITIONAL/NATURAL FORM, ANY AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA IN ITS NON-TRADITIONAL/NON-NATURAL FORM (i.e., concentrates, edible, wax, etc.);**
- **USE AND/OR BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF UNAUTHORIZED 3(E)]JTd[-(1(HE)-4w -**

4. If the student elects to participate in one of the options under Section 3, a written

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LEGAL REFS:

20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq. (Safe & Drug-Free Schools Communities Act of 1994)
Colo. Const. art. XVIII, 14 & 16
C.R.S. 18-18-102(5) & (13)
C.R.S. 18-18-201 et seq.
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(2)(a)(I)(G)
C.R.S. 22-33-106(1)(d)(II)
C.R.S. 25-14-103.5

CROSS REFS:

ADC, Tobacco-Free and Marijuana-Free District
JIH, Searches
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students
JLCD, Administering Medicine to Students/Asthma, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis
Health Management