

4.24—DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

An orderly and safe school environment that is conducive to promoting student achievement requires a student population free from the deleterious effects of alcohol and drugs. Their use is illegal, disruptive to the educational environment, and diminishes the capacity of students to learn and function properly in our schools.

Therefore, no student in the Van Buren School District shall possess, attempt to possess, consume, use, distribute, sell, buy, attempt to sell, attempt to buy, give to any person, or be under the influence of any substance as defined in this policy, or what the student represents or believes to be any substance as defined in this policy. It is also prohibited to be in possession of drug related paraphernalia. Paraphernalia is defined as any article used in any drug related activity. This policy applies to any student who: is on or about school property; is in attendance at school or any school sponsored activity; has left the school campus for any reason and returns to the campus; or is on route to or from school or any school sponsored activity.

Prohibited substances shall include, but are not limited to, alcohol, or any alcoholic beverage, inhalants or any ingestible matter that alter a student’s ability to act, think, or respond, LSD, or any other hallucinogen, marijuana, or any THC containing medications/oils, cocaine, heroin, or any other narcotic drug, PCP, amphetamines, steroids, “designer drugs,” look-alike drugs, or any controlled substance.

Selling, distributing, or attempting to sell or distribute, or using over-the-counter or prescription drugs not in accordance with the recommended dosage is prohibited.

Consequences for violation of this Policy: (All drug incidents will be reported to law enforcement.

Offense	Minimum Penalty	Maximum Penalty
Possession of drug related paraphernalia	Out of school suspension up to 10 days	Recommendation of Expulsion
Possession, attempt to possess, consume, use, distribute, sell, buy, attempt to sell, attempt to buy, give or be under the influence of any substance defined, represents or believes to be any substance as defined.	Out of school suspension up to 10 days	Recommendation of Expulsion
Selling, distributing, or attempting to sell or distribute, or using over-the-counter or prescription drugs not in accordance with the recommended dosage.	Warning	Recommendation of Expulsion

Possession, use or distribution of non-prescription medication	Warning	Recommendation of Expulsion
Possession, use, being under the influence, offering for sale, or transfer of drug look-a-like products or analogs	Out of school suspension up to 10 days	Recommendation of Expulsion
Possession, use, being under the influence (inhaling) products such as solvents, aerosols, nitrates, or anesthetics which are not manufactured for the purpose of inhalation	Out of school suspension up to 10 days	Recommendation of Expulsion

- Discipline of secondary students will be progressive based upon a student's discipline history.

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