

ARTS ACADEMY ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Policy

CATEGORY: Students

POLICY NUMBER: 303

TITLE: Drug and Alcohol Policy

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REVISED:

1. Prohibition on Drug, Alcohol and Other Illegal Substances
 - A. The use, possession, sale, transfer or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other illegal substances or drug paraphernalia is strictly prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of this Section concerning medications.
 - B. The term “drugs and other illegal substances” shall include, but not be limited to: controlled substances as defined in Pennsylvania and federal law, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, any of those substances commonly referred to as designer drugs. The term also includes prescription and nonprescription drugs.
2. This prohibition also applies to the use of any legal substance to attain a mood-altering effect and the possession of any equipment or device for preparing or taking drugs.
3. Possession includes but is not limited to:
 - A. Carrying the item; or
 - B. Storing the item in a space assigned to a student, such as a locker or a desk; or
 - C. Having the item under one’s control, such as hiding the item in the building, or on school grounds, or
 - D. Voluntarily permitting another person to store the item in an assigned school space without reporting it to staff members.
 - E. Use or possession of prescription and nonprescription drugs on school property is not permitted except that medications, prescription and nonprescription, may be given to an individual designated by the Principal/CEO (school nurse) along with a written physician’s direction and also written parental authorization to administer the medication to the student. Students are forbidden to possess, take or administer any medication on School property. Only an individual designated by the Principal/CEO and only in accordance with a written parental authorization and written physician’s direction will administer medication to a student (school nurse)

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with parental authority).

- F. Any person exhibiting behavior, conduct, or personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol, drugs and/or illegal substances, or any person whom school personnel have reasonable grounds to suspect has used alcohol, drugs and/or illegal substances, shall be prohibited from entering or remaining on or at school property or school functions.
 - G. The disciplinary penalty to be imposed may be lesser if a student gives information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who supplied the alcohol, drug or other illegal substance to the student or if the student voluntarily discloses his/her unlawful possession of such alcohol, drug or other illegal substance prior to arrest.
 - H. Appropriate law enforcement officials and parents shall be promptly notified of any violations of this prohibition.
4. Prohibition on Smoking and Possession of Tobacco Products
- A. Smoking on school property or at school functions is strictly prohibited by students. The chewing of tobacco is also prohibited.
 - B. The use, sale, transfer or distribution of tobacco and/or smoking paraphernalia (including pipes) on school property or at school functions is strictly prohibited. In addition, students are strictly prohibited from possessing tobacco and/or smoking paraphernalia on school property or at school functions.