

**PROCEDURES FOR ADDRESSING STUDENTS WHO HAVE
TOBACCO/ALCOHOL USE/DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS**

While students found in violation of Board policy JFCG/JFCH/JFCI “Tobacco/Alcohol Use/Student Drug Abuse” will be subject to disciplinary action as described within the student code of conduct, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution, a reduction in penalty may be granted if the student receives professional assistance by an accredited chemical dependency assessment/treatment agency and follows the recommendations of that agency. The specific course of action will depend upon the attitude of the student, the cooperation of the parents, the seriousness of the offense and the frequency of such offenses. Such arrangements will be made at the time of administration of discipline, must be approved by the Superintendent, and may include but are not limited to a tobacco/alcohol/drug education program, assessment with follow through based on the assessment findings, counseling, outpatient treatment, or inpatient treatment.

The Board also has established an intervention process (IMPACT) designed to confront problem behaviors exhibited by students which may indicate tobacco and/or alcohol use and/or other drug abuse. In the case of recognized behavioral symptoms, a representative of the school, trained in substance abuse intervention, will meet the student and parent(s) to discuss the nature and extent of the observable problem and recommend remedial action. A list of available resources and other support services within the area will be made available to the student and parent(s).

Students successfully completing an inpatient treatment program will not be penalized for days missed from school. Students will be recognized as absent due to medical reasons. Efforts will be made by the school to maintain contact with the treatment agency and provide academic instructional materials. Further, efforts will be made by the school to facilitate the student’s successful transition back into the school setting.

All matters surrounding actions taken to address a student’s needs due to tobacco/alcohol/drug abuse will be treated in a confidential manner.

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