

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) forbids the purchase, use, possession or distribution of alcohol, controlled substances, imitation or synthetic controlled substances (hereinafter also referred to as controlled substances) and/or drug paraphernalia among students. It is a violation of Board policy and federal and state laws for any student to possess, use, abuse, sell, distribute, purchase or procure alcohol, controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia. It shall be a violation of Board policy and considered behavior which is detrimental to the welfare, safety or morals of other students or school personnel for students to be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. This policy shall apply to any student who is on school property, in attendance at school, in a school vehicle, taking part in any school-sponsored or sanctioned activity, or whose conduct at any time or place interferes with the operations of Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) or the safety or welfare of students or employees. Students who violate this policy may be suspended or expelled from school and school related activities, depending on the nature of the violation. Students in violation of this policy may also be referred to law enforcement for the purposes of prosecution.

For purposes of this policy, controlled substances include any precursor included in Schedules I through V of C.R.S. §§ 18-18-203 through 207, and Title 21 C.F.R. §§ 1308.11 through 1308.15, including but not limited to narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic or mind-altering drugs or substances, amphetamines, barbiturates, stimulants, depressants, marijuana, marijuana concentrate, anabolic steroids, any other controlled substances as defined in Title 18 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, or any prescription or nonprescription drug, medicine, vitamin or other chemical substances not taken in accordance with the Board policy and regulations on administering medicines to students.

For the purposes of this policy, controlled substances also includes imitation substances that a student believes to be a controlled substance or that are represented to be such by or to a student, and/or imitation, synthetic or designer drugs that are used as substitutes or imitations for controlled substances (this includes synthetic cannabinoids or salvia divinorum).

For the purposes of this policy, alcohol includes but is not limited to fermented malt beverages or malt, vinous, or spirituous liquors. This includes beer, liquor, or any product containing an alcohol content greater than zero that is used for the purpose of intoxication.

The District shall promote a healthy environment for students by providing education, support and decision-making skills regarding alcohol and other controlled substances and their abuse.

Information may be provided to students and/or parents/guardians about community substance abuse treatment programs or other resources. The District assumes no financial responsibility for the expense of drug or alcohol assessment or treatment.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 1145g, Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986, as amended in 1989
Title 21 C.F.R. §§ 1308.11 through 1308.15
C.R.S. 18-18-102, et seq.
C.R.S. 18-18-406.1 – 406.2
C.R.S. 18-18-203 through 207
C.R.S. 22-1-110
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1)(d)

CROSS REFS.: IHAMA Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
JICH-R, Regulation to Policy JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
JIH Student Interviews, Interrogations, Searches and Arrests
JK Student Discipline
JKD/JKE Student Suspension/Expulsion/Denial of Admission
JLCD Administering Medicines to Students
JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care