

**LANCASTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DRUG AND ALCOHOL POSSESSION, USE AND DISTRIBUTION POLICY
Policy 452**

Lancaster High School is a Drug Free Zone. It is the expectation of the Lancaster School District that all students will attend school and all school-sponsored events free from the influence of alcohol and other drugs. Being under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs impacts not only the student's individual learning and safety, but also impairs judgment and can as a result affect the learning and safety of others.

All students are prohibited from carrying, possessing in any manner, or attempting to possess, using, or selling alcoholic beverages, morphine, marijuana, cocaine, opium, heroin, their derivatives or compounds, drugs commonly called LSD, "pep" pills, tranquilizers, or any other narcotic drugs, barbiturate, substance, ingredient, synthetic cannabinoid or compound that, when taken orally, intravenously, inhaled, or consumed in any other manner, may cause the person to be under the influence thereof, or any other controlled substance regulated by law, including any substance that is falsely represented to be a controlled or counterfeit substance.

No student shall act in, aid, abet, assist, distribute, or conceal the possession and/or the consumption, purchase, or the distribution of any illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages by another student or students.

PENALTIES

Any student who violates the provisions of this policy may be immediately suspended and recommended to the Board for expulsion. In addition, all such matters will be referred to local law enforcement.

Any illegal or suspicious materials will be turned over to law enforcement as evidence and for testing as necessary.

Any student who is found to be in violation of this policy will be referred to the athletic director and/or the supervisor of any other school organization to which the student belongs that has a code of conduct.

PROVISIONS

The provisions of this policy shall not apply to any student who is under the care of a licensed physician and who is taking medication under the supervision and direction of such physician unless the student is illegally selling, possessing or distributing medications. With regard to prescription medications, refer to the Lancaster Community School District medication policy.

The provisions of this policy shall apply to all students during the period of time that they are under and/or subject to the jurisdiction of the Lancaster Community School District, while participating in or going to or from any school-related activity, at any place where an athletic contest or event is taking place, during the course of any field trip, during the course of any trip

or activity sponsored by the District, while under the supervision and direction of any teacher, principal or other authority of the District, or when such conduct does or may threaten to interfere with or disrupt the educational process or pose a threat to the safety of the student or others.

Some illegal substances such as synthetic cannabinoids may be sent to the State Crime Lab by local law enforcement for analysis. This process can take weeks or months. In such cases, the administrator shall notify the student and parents in writing of the nature of the confiscated material, the request for and timeliness of testing and the penalties that will be pursued if the tested substance violates this policy.

NOTICE

Before implementation of this policy, reasonable notice of the policy will be made to all students and parents and/or guardians of students.

This policy is for the discipline and protection of the students of the District and their general welfare.

This policy shall supersede and take precedence over any other policy or practice that is inconsistent herewith.

APPROVED: April 10, 2013