

STUDENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The Ouachita Parish School system will implement for all students in grades K-12 an age appropriate developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention program which addresses the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use. Information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol will be provided. The Substance Abuse Prevention Program will also work to help students increase self-confidence and self-esteem in a supportive atmosphere, to realistically define personal and academic goals, to develop strategies to carry out these goals to develop new behaviors in coping with peer pressure, and to learn strategies for improving adult relationships. The student educational program will include:

1. A minimum of sixteen (16) contact hours of drug education for all students grade K-9.
A minimum of eight (8) contact hours of drug education for all students grades 10-12.
2. An explanation of the Board's policy of maintaining a drug/alcohol free school environment.
3. An explanation of the penalties that will be imposed upon the student for any drug/alcohol violations occurring on any school grounds or at any school activities held after school hours.

Students' use, unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on the school premises or as a part of any of its activities is prohibited. By law, all employees are required to report any suspected incidents of drug/alcohol possession or use by a student.

- A. When a student is suspected of having a drug/alcohol use problem and is reported to the principal or the Substance Abuse Prevention Team, the following action may be taken:
 1. Investigate the problem
 2. Confront the individual/parent/guardian
 3. Make recommendations for helping the student
- B. A student suspected of drug/alcohol possession or of being under the influence of drugs/alcohol on the school premises will be reported to the principal. After investigation, if the student is in possession of a controlled dangerous substance governed by the uniform controlled dangerous substance law, the following action, Articles C-F, will be taken:
- C. R.S. 17:436 SEC. 436.1

Administration of Medication

Students requiring or in need of prescription or over-the-counter drugs at school must provide the medication to the designated school employee with physician's documentation and written parental permission to administer such medication. **No student shall have permission to possess or administer to themselves or others any prescription or over-the-counter medication at school. Violation of this procedure will result in the discipline of the student as outlines in School Board Policy.**

- D. R.S. 17:46 (B)©(1)
Notwithstanding the provision of R.S. 17:416(B), any student, sixteen years of age or older, found guilty of possession of, or knowledge of intention distribution of or possession with the intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school event pursuant to a hearing as provided R.S.17:416©(1) shall be expelled from school for a minimum of twenty-four (24) calendar months. However, any student under the age of sixteen and in grades six through twelve shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of twelve (12) calendar months.
- E. R.S. 17:46 (C) (I) (2) (I)
In cases involving students in kindergarten through grade five found guilty of possession of or knowledge of an intentional distribution of or possession with the intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property on a school bus, or at a school event pursuant to a hearing as provided for by R.S. 17:46©(1) shall be referred to the local school board where the student attends school through a recommendation for action from the superintendent or his designee.
- F. R.S. 17:416 (3) (a)
Any student arrested for possession or of intentional distribution of, or possession with the intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property shall be referred by the school principal or his designee, within five days after such arrest, for testing or screening by a qualified medical professional for evidence of abuse of alcohol, illegal narcotic, drugs or other controlled dangerous substance.

OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

PURPOSE

To be in full compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989. Public law 101-226, the Ouachita Parish School Board adopts and implements a drug prevention program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on school premises or as a part of any school activity. This program conveys to students and employees the message that the possession and use of illicit drugs and the possession and use of alcohol are wrong and harmful.

The guidelines and procedures outlined in this substance abuse Policy apply to all students and all employees of the Ouachita Parish School System and will remain in effect until such time as it is necessary for the Ouachita Parish School Board to amend the policy to reflect new mandates as set forth by state or federal law.

Harmful involvement with mind-altering chemical/alcohol is an illness. Use and abuse by students and/or employees affects the quality of the system's education. The Ouachita Parish School System is responsible for providing a drug/alcohol free environment for students and a drug free workplace for employees. However, because the use and abuse of alcohol/drugs by student and employees may exist, the Board accepts the responsibility to work to identify those in need of help and to provide guidelines for obtaining that help.

The Ouachita parish School System is committed to educating students and employees about the harmful effects of alcohol/drugs. It is also committed to setting standards of conduct that clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on school premises or as a part of any of its activities. These standards are applicable to all students and all employees. The standards of conduct will be given to students, parents, and employees, notifying them that student and employee compliance is mandatory.