

**Safe and  
Drug-Free Schools**

# Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs



## What is the JCPS policy on trafficking and distribution of drugs/alcohol (including look-alike drugs/alcohol)?

According to the JCPS *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline* (page 12), "A student found to be in possession of more drugs/alcohol than would be consumed by one person will be presumed to be trafficking as prescribed by law." The student will be given a long-term Central Office suspension, which includes a parent-teacher conference and an SDFS assessment. Any offense of trafficking or distribution of drugs/alcohol will result in an **alternative school placement**.

## How can the SDFS Office Help?

Curriculum materials from the SDFS Office are available to classroom teachers. Presentations that illustrate the hazards of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs are available to augment curricular offerings. These presentations include audiovisual materials and demonstrations. For more information, contact the SDFS Office at **485-3260**.

## What is the JCPS policy on use of tobacco products on school property?

The Jefferson County Public School (JCPS) District prohibits the use of tobacco products on school property. The policy prohibits the **use** of tobacco products by students at athletic events, on field trips, in vehicles on school property, or in vehicles carrying students to and from school functions. Additionally, students may not carry or possess tobacco products on school property or at school functions. The use of tobacco and tobacco products is part of the district's **Zero-Tolerance** approach to student discipline. According to the JCPS *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline* and the *Student Bill of Rights*, school personnel have the authority to confiscate tobacco products.

## What if a student is caught violating the tobacco products policy?

“Zero Tolerance to Use of Tobacco Products” (p.12, JCPS *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*) means that if a student violates this rule, he or she will be subject to in-school disciplinary measures and the parent/guardian will be notified and/or asked to come in for a conference. Violators will be given information about the health risks of tobacco use and information about the help available if they decide to quit. After repeated offenses, a student may be suspended.

When a student is suspended for the use of tobacco, the length of suspension may be reduced by a local school administrator if the student attends a smoking-cessation program in the community.

To find out more about these programs, call the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness STOP line at **574-7867**.

## What is the JCPS policy on being under the influence of/in possession of drugs and alcohol (including look-alike drugs/alcohol)?

Under the influence (page 12, JCPS *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*) will be determined by having an administrator and another adult verify that the student's behavior(s) indicates drug or alcohol abuse and that the student should be removed from the school. A student will be considered “under the influence” when one or more of the following indicators are noted: vomiting, staggering, emitting an indicative odor, exhibiting incoherence/disorientation, slurring speech, exhibiting dilated pupils, and/or displaying other physical evidence.

For the **first offense** of a student in possession of or under the influence of drugs/alcohol, he or she will be given a long-term Central Office suspension that includes a parent/guardian conference and a Safe and Drug-Free Schools (SDFS) assessment. The suspension may be reduced by the assistant director of Student Relations after consulting with the local school principal.

For the **second offense**, the student will be given a long-term Central Office suspension that includes a parent/guardian conference and an SDFS assessment. He or she will then be assigned to an alternative school.