

**CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT - MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS**      **4-3(b)**

9. **Illegal/Unauthorized Substance:** The following is prohibited on school property or buses, in a private vehicle in a school parking lot, or at any school function wherever held, as defined above. All substances will be immediately confiscated and provided either to law enforcement or a parent, as appropriate.

a. Over-the-Counter Medication: outside of the routine, normal usage of medication.

1. Coming on campus under the influence:

- Principal discretion of warning to 2 day (high schools on block schedule) or 3 day (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools) suspension
- Required drug counseling class if student is suspended

2. Possession:

- Principal discretion of warning through possible suspension up to 3 days (high schools on block schedule) or up to 5 days (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools)
- Required drug counseling class if student is suspended

3. Use at School:

- Principal discretion of warning through possible suspension up to 3 days (high schools on block schedule) up to 5 days (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools)
- Required drug counseling class if student is suspended

4. Distribution:

- Principal discretion of 3 days suspension (high schools on block schedule) or 5 days suspension (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools) through Long Term suspension for remainder of semester (high schools on block schedule) or remainder of semester or 45 school days whichever is longer (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools)

b. Prescription Medication (Students with legal drugs *prescribed for them* in their possession must follow school guidelines to avoid consequences under this policy.)

1. Coming on campus under the influence:

- Up to 3 day (high schools on block schedule) or 5 days (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools) suspension at principal discretion
- Required drug counseling class if student is suspended
- Suspension not included in coming to campus under the influence when used in compliance with prescription directions of prescription drugs prescribed for user.

2. Possession of a prescription drug by a person OTHER than for whom the drug was prescribed:
  - a. First Offense:
    - 4-6 days suspension (high schools on block schedule) or 6-10 day suspension (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools) at principal discretion
    - Required drug counseling class
  - b. Second Offense:
    - 6 days suspension (high schools on block schedule) or 10 days suspension (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools) and Long Term suspension recommendation at principal discretion.
    - Required drug counseling class
3. POSSESSION OR USE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PRESCRIBED FOR THE INDIVIDUAL IN POSSESSION OF THE DRUG: (Possession only; this does NOT include distribution) STUDENT MUST SECURE THE MEDICATION IN SCHOOL OFFICE IN LOCKED CABINET PER UCPS BOE POLICY 4.6.
  1. First Offense
    - Warning and/or up to 2 day (high school on block schedule) or 3 day (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools) suspension at principal discretion
    - Required drug counseling class if student is suspended
  2. Second Offense
    - to 3 days (high school on block schedule) or 5 days (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools) suspension at principal discretion
    - Required drug counseling class if student is suspended
4. Use at School:
  - a. First Offense:
    - 4-6 days suspension (high schools on block schedule) or 6-10 days suspension (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools)
    - Required drug counseling class
  - b. Second Offense:
    - 6 days suspension (high schools on block schedule) or 10 days suspension (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools) and Long Term at principal discretion. Required drug counseling class

5. Distribution:

- Long Term suspension.
- Required drug counseling class

c. Alcohol (Includes wines, beer, non-alcoholic beer, and energy drinks containing alcohol)

1. Under the influence, possession or use on school property, as defined above:

a. First Offense:

- 6 days suspension (high schools on block schedule) or 10 days suspension (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools)
- Required drug/alcohol counseling class

b. Second Offense:

- Long Term suspension for remainder of school year
- Required drug/alcohol counseling class

2. Distribution

a. First Offense:

- Long Term suspension for remainder of school year
- Required drug/alcohol counseling class

d. Illegal Drugs, Counterfeit Drugs, Huffing (or misuse of inhalants), and/or Drug Paraphernalia (including but not limited to rolling papers and scales) and misuse of chemical/material (organic or otherwise) that causes or is purported to cause a hallucinogenic/mind altering effect.

1. Under the Influence or Possession

a. First Offense:

- 6 days suspension (high schools on block schedule) or 10 days suspension (middle schools and traditional schedule high schools)
- Required drug/alcohol counseling class

b. Second Offense:

- Long Term suspension for remainder of school year
- Required drug/alcohol counseling class

2. Use on School Property, as defined above
  - a. First Offense:
    - Long Term suspension
    - Required drug/alcohol counseling class
  - b. Second Offense:
    - Long Term suspension for remainder of school year
    - Required drug/alcohol counseling class
3. Possession with intent to distribute
  - Long Term suspension for remainder of the semester
  - Required drug/alcohol counseling class
4. Distribution
  - Long Term suspension for remainder of school year
  - Required drug/alcohol counseling class

NOTE: No student will be readmitted to the regular school program until the student has completed the required drug counseling class.

- e. Tobacco Products: Students will not possess or use tobacco products on school property (as defined above). For rolling papers, see drug paraphernalia, above. All tobacco products will be confiscated.
  1. First Offense: Traditional and Block Schedules – 1 day suspension and 1 hour Tobacco Education required. Failure to complete tobacco education class will result in 1 additional day of suspension.
  2. Second Offense: 3 days suspension reduced to 2 days upon completion of Alternative to Suspension (ATS) program. Two days suspension reduced to 1 day contingent upon completion of Alternative to Suspension (ATS) program for Condensed Academic Terms (Block Schedule).
  3. Third Offense: 3 days suspension with Cessation Class recommended, 2 days suspension with Cessation Class recommended for Condensed Academic Terms (Block Schedule).
  4. Fourth Offense: 5 days suspension, 3 days for Condensed Academic Terms (Block Schedule).
  5. Fifth Offense: Traditional and Condensed Academic Terms (Block Schedule) – Recommendation for long-term suspension or placement by principal in the Alternative Disciplinary Program (Item #19 in Middle/High School Discipline Policy, #4-3(b)).

- f. Mercury and other dangerous chemicals. In the case of mercury or like substances abuse, parents will be responsible for the cost of any clean-up, repair or damage.
1. First Offense: Confiscate item and return only to parents. Discretionary action by principal which may include suspension – dependent upon specific circumstances.
  2. Second Offense: 1-10 days suspension, 1-6 for Condensed Academic Terms (Block Schedule).
  3. Third Offense: 5-10 days with possible long-term suspension, 3-6 days with possible long-term suspension for Condensed Academic Terms (Block Schedule).

**Legal References**    14-33(6); 14-35; 14-269.2b; 14 208.18

North Carolina General Statutes §§ 115C-245; 115c-288; 115C-307; 115C-390; 115C-391; 115C-391.1; 115C-392; 115C-402; 115C-523; 115C-524(b);

**Cross References**    4 - 1 (b), Middle School Attendance (Policy)

4 - 1 (c), High School Attendance (Policy)

4 - 6, Administration of Medicines (Policy)

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