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STUDENT ALCOHOL AND/OR OTHER DRUG USE

The District will participate in alcohol and drug abuse programs which focus on prevention, intervention and support for students and families. These programs and services may include: student support groups, alcohol and drug screening interviews, alcohol and other drug screens, family sessions, individual counseling, at-risk and administrative reviews.

Parents/guardians and students will be informed of the established standards of conduct and possible sanctions related to the use and abuse of alcohol and controlled substances.

The Board prohibits any student from engaging in the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, sale, possession, consumption or use of a controlled substance, alcohol or drug-related paraphernalia in any school building or anywhere on school premises. Students are prohibited from possessing, distributing, or selling any medications, nutritional supplements or “look-alike” drugs as defined by WIAA (Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association) in any school building or anywhere on school premises. Students are prohibited from being under the influence of any controlled substance, alcohol or other intoxicant in any school building or anywhere on school premises. Students are prohibited from distributing, dispensing, or selling any controlled substance, alcohol, or other intoxicant to another Evansville Community School District student at any time or in any location. The school premises include: vehicles parked anywhere on school property; any off-school property that is being used for any school sponsored activities, events or functions; school owned vehicles; and any other vehicle used to officially transport students to or from school or for any school activity.

The administration may conduct locker, vehicle, and other searches or enlist the use of law enforcement officials and drug sniffing dogs in school or on school premises as a deterrent to drug and alcohol use or possession in schools.

Violation of this policy shall result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to: suspension, expulsion and referral to law enforcement for legal charges. Students under a physician’s order to take prescribed medication are exempted if they have complied with the school medication consent policy.

If a school official has suspicion that the student is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, a student may be required to submit to an alcohol or drug screen to determine its presence. If a student does not voluntarily comply, the follow-up actions may include, but not be limited to parent/guardian contact, suspension/expulsion, referral to police, or referral to Student Assistance Program (SAP). If found to have consumed alcohol or other drugs, the student will be removed for at least the remainder of that day and disciplinary action will commence. School officials may involve law enforcement officials to screen for drug or alcohol use.

Parents/guardians or students who believe themselves wrongly accused may request an additional screen, with the cost to be borne by the student or parents/guardians. However, if the test results indicate the student to be free from alcohol or other drug use, then the School District may bear the cost of the drug test, if district approved guidelines have been followed. The

parents/guardians of the student will be given a copy of the guidelines at the time they receive the results of the initial screen. Alcohol and other drug offenses require assessment to be completed or scheduled before the student may return to school.

School actions will include parental/guardian contact and referral to in-school Student Assistance Program resources or other approved programs to assist with support services, as appropriate. Successful completion of recommended services may reduce consequences imposed on the student as recommended by the building principal or assistant principal.

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118.127

118.24(2)(f)

118.257

118.45

120.13(1)

125.02(8m)

125.09

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