

STUDENT ALCOHOL, TOBACCO/NICOTINE, E-CIGARETTES, AND/OR OTHER DRUG USE

The Evansville Community School District will provide alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes and other drug abuse programs which focus on prevention, brief intervention and support for students and families. These programs and services may include:

- alcohol, tobacco and other drug screening interviews
- individual counseling
- student support groups
- family communication

Parent(s)/guardian(s) and students will be informed of the established standards of conduct and possible sanctions related to the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco/nicotine, e-cigarettes, and/or other drugs.

The Evansville Community School District Board of Education prohibits any student from:

- engaging in the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, consumption or use of a alcohol, tobacco/nicotine, e-cigarettes, other drugs or drug-related paraphernalia in any school building or anywhere on school premises. 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.
- 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.
- being under the influence of any, alcohol or other drugs in any school building, or anywhere on school premises.

The administration, or designee, may conduct locker, vehicle and other searches or enlist the use of law enforcement officials and drug detecting animals and/or technology in school or on school premises as a deterrent to alcohol, tobacco/nicotine, e-cigarettes, and/or other drug use or possession in schools.

Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to: suspension, expulsion and referral to law enforcement.

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. The cost of the initial screening is borne by the District. 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). School officials may involve law enforcement officials to screen for drug or alcohol use.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) or students who believe themselves wrongly accused may request an additional screen, with the cost to be borne by the student or parent(s)/guardian(s). 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 parent(s)/guardian(s) 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 by a professional alcohol or drug counselor 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 designee.

Legal Ref.: Sections 118.01(2)(d)2c Wisconsin Statutes (Educational Goals and Expectations)
118.126 (Privileged Communications)
118.24(2)(f) (School District Administrator)
118.257 (Liability for Referral to Police)
118.45 (Tests for Alcohol Use)
120.13(1) (School Board Powers)
125.09(2) (General Restrictions)
939.22(15) (Words and Phrases Defined)
Chapter 961 (Uniform Controlled Substances Act)

Local Ref.: Policy #443.41/522.11 – Definitions Relating to Alcohol, Tobacco/Nicotine, e-cigarettes and Other Drug Prohibitions

Policy #453.4 – Administering Medications to Students

Policy #456 – Student Assistance Program

Policy #522.1 – Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace

Policy #522.2 – Tobacco/Nicotine/Electronic Cigarette Use by Staff on School Premises

Policy #832 – Tobacco/Nicotine-Free School Property

Policy #832.1 – Use of Tobacco/Nicotine Products on School Premises