

Weakley County Board of Education

Descriptor Code:
6.3071

Student Use or Possession of Drugs

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10/21/14

This policy includes, but is not limited to the following: Any narcotic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, hallucinogenic drug, marijuana, or other intoxicants of any kind (as defined by law).

Students may not possess, sell, barter, give away, transmit, or use barbiturates, Legend drugs, or any controlled substances whose possession is prohibited in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles and/or buses or at any school-sponsored activities.

Any student caught at school or any school function under the influence of a controlled substance or with either of these in his/her possession without a doctor's prescription is in violation of the Weakley County School's Drug Use and Zero Tolerance policies. Once it has been determined a violation has occurred, the student will be referred to the Weakley County Juvenile Office. Students who are 18 years old or older will be cited for adjudication in General Sessions Court. Additional sanctions may be imposed by the appropriate court.

Chapter Number 64 of the Public Acts of 1989, informally called the Drug-Free Youth Act, amends the motor vehicle operator licensing laws so as to provide that any child less than 18 years old who is convicted of any offense involving the possession, use, sale, or consumption of prohibited drugs or alcohol shall not be issued a driver's license or shall have his existing license suspended. This denial of driving privileges shall be effective for one year or until the child reaches 17 years old for the first offense and for two years or until the child reaches 18 years old for subsequent offenses. Under certain circumstances the license may be issued or reinstated upon payment of \$20 and the child's completion of a driver's safety course or an approved alcohol/drug abuse intervention program. Schools are responsible to inform all pupils in grades seven through twelve of the provisions of the law and for distributing to all such students a pamphlet describing the law, which will be supplied by the Department of Safety. All teachers and principals in these grades must receive in-service education on the Drug-Free Youth Act, which became effective October 1, 1989.