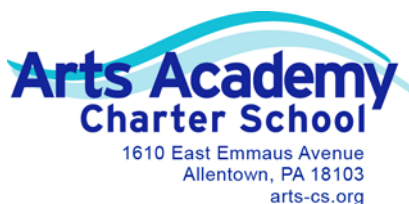


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Board Policy 2.3.2

Drugs/Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

The Board recognizes that the abuse of controlled substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community. As an educational institution, schools strive to prevent abuse of controlled substances.

The Board recognizes that all students have a right to be educated in a safe and orderly environment with due consideration for their legal rights and responsibilities.

The Arts Academy Charter School's Comprehensive Substance Abuse Prevention program shall consist of a four-faceted approach, including prevention, intervention, referral and support.

For purposes of this policy, controlled substances shall include all:

1. Substances prohibited by federal and state law.
2. Look-alike drugs.
3. Alcoholic beverages.
4. Anabolic steroids.
5. Drug paraphernalia.
6. Any volatile solvents, inhalants or other substances, such as but not limited to glue and aerosol products, when used or intended for use in a potentially health endangering or mood- altering manner.
7. Prescription or over-the-counter drugs, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy.

Anabolic Steroid shall include any material, compound, mixture or preparation that includes any of the following or any isomer, salt or derivative of any of the following that acts in the same manner on the human body:

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2. Clostebol.
3. Dehydrochlormethylestosterone.

Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid.

Look-alike substance shall mean any tablet, capsule, or other substance packaged, designed, or intended to mimic the appearance or physical effect of any substance.

Drug paraphernalia shall mean all equipment, products, and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance.

For purposes of this policy, under the influence shall include any consumption or ingestion of controlled substances by a student.

The Board prohibits students from using, selling, possessing, distributing, and being under the influence of any controlled substances during school hours, or aiding and abetting others at any time while on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, during the time spent traveling to and from school and school-sponsored activities, and while traveling in school-sponsored vehicles.

The Board may require participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into the school's educational, extracurricular or athletic programs resulting from violations of this policy.

Off-Campus Activities

This policy applies to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the AACS Student Code of Conduct if:

1. The student is a member of an extracurricular program and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from the program.
2. The conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
3. The conduct has a direct nexus, or connection to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the AACS Student Code of Conduct.

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4. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.

The Executive Director or designee shall prepare rules for the identification and control of substance abuse in the schools which:

1. Establish procedures to deal with students suspected of using, possessing, being under the influence, or distributing controlled substances in school, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution.
2. Disseminate to students, parents/guardians and staff the Board policy and district procedures governing student abuse of controlled substances.
3. Provide education concerning the dangers of abusing controlled substances.
4. Establish procedures for education and readmission to school of students expelled for offenses involving controlled substances.

Incidents of possession, use or transmission of controlled substances by any person on school property shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.

Violations of this policy, as defined and described within the Arts Academy Charter School Student Code of Conduct, may result in permanent expulsion from school by the Board or a lesser administrative penalty and/or a referral to the police. In the case of a student with disabilities, the Executive Director shall take all necessary steps to comply with federal and state law regarding students with disabilities.

Student Assistance Teams consisting of specially trained school staff and community agency liaisons shall be maintained at each building to assist with appropriate identification, intervention, referral and support for students.

The privacy rights of parents/guardians and students will be protected as required by law.

This policy will be implemented through the cooperative efforts of the faculty, administration, school employee groups, students, parents/guardians and community of the district.

In all cases involving students and controlled substances, the need to protect the school community from undue harm and exposure to drugs shall be recognized.

No student may be admitted to a program that seeks to identify and rehabilitate the potential abuser without the intelligent, voluntary and aware consent of the student and parent/guardian.

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Reasonable Suspicion/Testing

As permitted by law, if based on the student's behavior, medical symptoms, vital signs or other observable factors, the building administrator has reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the student may be required to submit to drug or alcohol testing. The testing may include but is not limited to the analysis of blood, urine, saliva, hair follicles or the administration of a Breathalyzer test.

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