

Section 9-14.2. Possession of a controlled substance, etc., mandatory expulsion; prevention and intervention required. — A. No person may manufacture, sell or distribute or possess with intent to sell, give or distribute any controlled substance or imitation controlled substance, “imitation controlled substance,” or “marijuana,” as all are defined in Virginia law, while

- on the property, including building or grounds, of any public school;
- on public property or any property open to public use within 1,000 feet of the property, including building or grounds, of any public school;
- on any school bus; or
- at any designated school bus stop or any property open to public use within 1,000 feet of such school bus stop during the time when school children are waiting to be picked up and transported to or are being dropped off from school or a school sponsored activity.

B. A student who is determined to have brought a controlled substance or imitation controlled substance onto school property or to a school-sponsored activity shall be expelled in accordance with School Board policy. The School Board may determine, based on the facts of the particular case that special circumstances exist and another form of discipline is appropriate. Any disciplinary action imposed pursuant to such a review must be taken in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 14 of Title 22.1 of the Code of Virginia.

C. Any student who violates this policy shall participate in the prevention and intervention activities identified in Suffolk Public Schools’ drug and violence prevention plan. The School Board may require any student who is in possession of or under the influence of drugs ~~at school or school-sponsored activities to: (1) undergo evaluation for drug abuse and (2) participate in a drug treatment program if recommended by the evaluator and if the student’s parent consents.~~ or alcohol on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity in violation of School Board policies, to undergo evaluation for drug or alcohol abuse, or both, and, if recommended by the evaluator and with the consent of the student’s parent, to participate in a treatment program.

D. The Principal shall report a violation of this policy to parents and local law enforcement as required by School Board Policy 7-5.4 - Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse. (Adopted: June 13, 2013; Ordinance Number 12/13-102; Effective Date: July 1, 2013; Revised June 9, 2016; Ordinance Number 15/16-98; Effective Date: July 1, 2016; Ordinance 22/23-68, Revised/Effective: February 9, 2023)

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