

SUBJECT: TOBACCO, ALCOHOL and DRUG-FREE SCHOOL

PUPRPOSE: To establish a school-wide policy on tobacco, alcohol, nicotine and other drugs.

BACKGROUND: The Governance Council (GC) believes that the use of controlled substances will seriously impair students' ability to achieve academically and to live healthy lives. The GC and Alma d'arte administration and staff have a zero tolerance policy for the possession, use, or sale of tobacco, alcohol, nicotine in any form, electronic nicotine delivery systems (E-cigarettes), or any other form of drugs, unless prescribed to the individual by a licensed medical provider, in any physical state of matter on any school property or at any school sanctioned event, including field trips or any other sanctioned student travel. Medical marijuana is excluded from the list of prescribed drugs (See Policy SH009 - Administration of Medical Cannabis).

POSITION:

- (A) The school policy will conform to all local, state and federal laws and regulations governing secondary students. The goal will be to employ prevention and early intervention strategies, as well as progressive discipline and consequences including expulsion.
- (B) The GC shares responsibility for ensuring drug-free campuses and will work with school staff, students, parents, law enforcement, public agencies and community organizations.
- (C) The CAO/Principal is responsible for ensuring that the school property is identified as a Drug-Free School Zone as mandated by New Mexico Statute (30-31-1 NMSA 1978).
- (D) The GC designates the CAO/Principal, or designee, to enforce, monitor and evaluate the school's programs and procedures related to this policy.
- (E) The CAO/Principal shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

Legal Reference: 6.12.4.8 NMAC, 20 U.S.C. 6083, 30-31-22 NMAC (1978), 30-31-1 NMSA (1978)

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