

Albertville City Schools

TOBACCO PRODUCTS, UNLAWFUL DRUGS, AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Students

The possession and use of tobacco products, unlawful drugs, and alcoholic beverages is prohibited in Albertville City Schools and at any school sponsored or school related event.

The Albertville City Board of Education has implemented a random drug testing policy that may result in loss of parking privileges on school premises (JDGB) and discipline including suspension from student competitive activities (Board Policy JDGC).

It shall be the policy of the Board that the school principal or authorized official of the school shall automatically suspend any student found in possession of, or in the act of using:

- a) alcohol, marijuana
- b) drugs (stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens or opiates) for which the student has no prescription from a duly recognized physician

In addition, the school principal or authorized official of the school shall automatically suspend any student who is caught selling or giving alcohol and/or drugs to others.

In conjunction with U.S. government's attempts to stop teenage use of tobacco products, the first offense for tobacco possession will be 3 days of in-school correction; the second and subsequent offenses for tobacco possession will be 3 days of out-of-school suspension.

The above policies apply when the act(s) take place at school, on school grounds, on school buses, and/or at any school-sponsored event, during or after regular school hours. Recommendation of expulsion may be made if the situation appears to be sufficiently grave.

If the student's suspension is to begin the following day, written notice will be sent to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) stating the reason such action was taken. In the event of an immediate suspension of a student, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be notified and the student released in their custody, or with their knowledge. Juvenile and law enforcement authorities may also be notified and, if the situation warrants, the student shall be released to the custody of the juvenile or other law enforcement authorities. In that event, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be notified as quickly as possible of the action taken. In the event, that the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the student cannot be located and an immediate suspension is required, (without the necessity of contacting juvenile or law enforcement authorities), the principal or authorized official of the school can remove the child from the school grounds to the location of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). If the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are not found, written notice will be given to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the action taken by the school, within 24 hours. Due process will be given to all students.

Persons, firms, corporations, or associations who knowingly sell, give, or otherwise dispense any alcoholic beverage on school premises shall be liable for prosecution under Ala. Code 16 1-10.

4.2.4 Tobacco – The use of tobacco products and the illegal possession, distribution, and sale of tobacco products on school property is prohibited.

a. *Penalties for Violations*

- i. *Students* – Students who violate the tobacco prohibition will be disciplined in accordance with the Board’s Code of Student Conduct.
 - ii. *Employees* – Employees who violate the tobacco prohibition will be subject to adverse personnel action, which may include termination.
 - iii. *Other Persons* – Other persons who violate the tobacco prohibition may be denied re-entry to school property.
- b. *Parental Notification* – Parents and guardians may be notified of actual or suspect violations of the tobacco prohibition whether or not the student is charged with a violation of Board policy, which includes the Code of Student Conduct.

[Reference: ALA. CODE §16-1-24.1 (1975); Ala. Admin. Code 290-3-1-.02(1)(b)]