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**SUBSTANCE ABUSE--STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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The primary responsibility for helping students who are involved with substance abuse lies with the students and their parents. Nevertheless, the School Board strives to provide a supportive school environment for students involved with substance use or abuse.

The School Board supports substance abuse programs which vary according to individual needs. Included among these are programs to educate students about the harmful effects of illegal drugs and alcohol; and the misuse of drugs and other legal substances; programs for staff in the identification of substance abuse; and activities and programs for those who need help with intervention activities and programs.

The School Board supports efforts to help students during the school day, to refer students and parents to other agencies for assistance, and to reinforce programs provided by other sources. To that end, individual school substance abuse programs may provide group experiences, individual counseling and other programs.

Alcohol and illegal drug use and abuse are prohibited by the Standards of Student Conduct in compliance with all applicable federal, state or local laws and ordinances. Any staff member shall report to the principal any student suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol or in violation of the Standards of Students Conduct related to substance abuse.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, section 22.1-78, 16.1-305.1

Cross Refs: CLA Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse

IGAG Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

JFC Student Conduct

JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct

JFCF Drugs in School

JGD/JGE Student Suspension/Expulsion

JHG Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting

JO Student Records