Dickson County Board of Education

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In order to protect the rights of students, to safeguard the learning environment, and to contribute to a "Drug Free" community, the Board's plan for dealing with alcohol and drugs (TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2) (d) shall include the following:

- 1. Appropriate ways for handling alcohol/drug-related medical emergencies;
- 2. Guidelines for reporting alcohol/drug incidents and illegal activities;
- 3. Guidelines for referral of students who may have an alcohol/drug problem and/or are considered "high risk" to agencies and other sources of appropriate help;
- 4. Effective working relationships with appropriate community agencies, such as alcohol/drug service providers, law enforcement agencies and judicial officials.

Through the use of state guidelines the Director of Schools shall be responsible for:

- 1. Developing and implementing an appropriate curriculum on alcohol and drug education for students;
- 2. Providing adequate information and training for all staff personnel as appropriate to their responsibilities;
- 3. Implementing the relevant portions of the Drug-Free Youth Act (20 USCA 7116);
- 4. Developing administrative rules and guidelines for the school system to effectively respond to alcohol and drug situations that may occur at school or school-sponsored events; and
- 5. Providing notification to parents and students that compliance with this policy is mandatory.

Students will not consume, possess, use, sell, distribute or be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages in school buildings or on school grounds, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school-sponsored activity at any time, whether on or off school grounds. This includes, but is not limited to abuse of inhalants and prescription drugs (TCA 39-17-417).

Students will not market or distribute any substance which is represented to be or is substantially similar in color, shape, size or markings to a controlled substance in school buildings or on school grounds, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school-sponsored activity at any time, whether on or off school grounds. (TCA 39-6-454)

Upon information that a student is suspected of violating this policy, the principal/designee shall be notified immediate\y. If it is determined that board policy has indeed been violated, the principal shall notify the student's parent/guardian and the appropriate law enforcement officials, (TCA 49-6-4209) and the student shall be suspended to the Disciplinary Hearing Authority and be subject to a suspension or an alternative placement for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year.

Information about drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation programs will be made available through the schools.