

DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAM

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Our teachers and staff help students navigate their way through teenage issues and situations. These issues include addressing the social pressure that teens face regarding drug and alcohol use and educating them about the dangers of these substances. Drugs and alcohol are intolerable at Schoolhouse Preparatory. We recognize that today's youth live in a society where drug and alcohol abuse exists. We believe that it is part of our mission to help our students make positive, healthy choices and to offer them and their parents resources to help prevention. Students are subject to random searches of their bookbags, lockers, and cars if there is probable suspicion of drug use.

Schoolhouse Preparatory offers these Drug Awareness Programs:

- Substance Abuse Prevention Presentations by Dr. De Villiers to all incoming Freshmen and new students.
- Drinking and Driving Under the Influence Prevention Presentations by Miami-Dade Police to all 11th and 12th Graders
- Schoolwide participation in Red Ribbon Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week including a presentation by the Sweetwater Narcotics Unit

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

The use or possession of illegal drugs or illegal mood altering substances, alcoholic beverages, drug-related paraphernalia, or the abuse of prescription or over the counter drugs by any student on school property or while attending or participating in any school sponsored activity or at any time the student is wearing a school uniform is forbidden. Transgression of this rule will result in disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the school, even for a first offense. Any student selling drugs on school property or at school functions may be immediately expelled.

DRUG TESTING

The school is committed to a drug-free environment. This commitment may, under some circumstances, prompt a need for testing of students for evidence of

substance abuse. If a student exhibits the symptoms, or is suspected of substance abuse, the school may require that the student undergo substance abuse testing at the parents' expense. If the results of the test suggest abuse (and the substance was not used on or brought to campus or a school related activity), the school will normally use this information to help the student seek assistance. Refusal to participate in such a test may result in expulsion from the school.

RANDOM SEARCHES

A school may conduct random searches as set forth in this handbook. Areas searched but are not limited to lockers, backpacks and vehicle.

SMOKING and the use of any tobacco products are not permitted at any time in the school, on the grounds, in the vicinity of the school, on busses or whenever students travel as a school group. Violators are subject to disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the school, even for a first offense.

The Administration at Schoolhouse Preparatory reserves the right to implement the following measures:

- Using narcotics canines to assist in the searches for drugs.
- Inviting police and legal authorities to the school to help investigate cases where possession or use of drugs is suspected.

The Administration at Schoolhouse Preparatory is committed to helping the student obtain assistance, and thus also reserves the right to enforce any of the following procedures:

- The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student will be notified, if possible, and a consultation with the parents and student will occur.
- A mandatory drug test may be required at an independent laboratory of the school's choice. The results will be sent directly to the principal. All testing will be done at the family's expense.
- Enrollment in and successful completion of a treatment / counseling program may be required. Attendance records and progress reports by the program administrator will be sent to the principal on a bi-weekly basis.

- The student must submit to subsequent random testing at any time as long as the student attends Schoolhouse Preparatory. All testing will be done at the family's expense. A student who refuses to be tested may be dismissed immediately.
- A second positive testing of the student may result in immediate dismissal.
- The student will be required to meet with a counselor or administrator on a regular basis as long as the student attends Schoolhouse Preparatory.

VEHICLE SEARCH POLICY

- All student vehicles parked on the campus of Schoolhouse Preparatory are subject to being searched by the school authorities, drug dogs, and, if necessary, law enforcement officials. Any contraband discovered during said searches will be seized and turned over to the proper authorities.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

- If there is any student who is presently involved with drug use, he is encouraged to seek help by speaking confidentially with the grade level mentor or the administration in order to receive assistance in becoming Drug Free. Students are also encouraged to anonymously report any suspicion of a peer involved in drug use.