

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Franklin Technology Center has an established substance abuse prevention program. The program is designed to help communicate to students; faculty and staff the risks drug abuse poses to them and their careers. The drug abuse prevention program "Choose to Take Charge," satisfies the requirements of Section 487 (a) of the Higher Education Act Amendment of 1986. This program is available to students enrolled in programs at Franklin Technology Center.

Pursuant to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, Public Law 100-690 Title 5, Subtitle D, Section 5153, and the School District of Joplin R-VIII has established a policy for a drug-free workplace. This policy will apply to all students and employees of the School District of Joplin R-VIII.

Because of the use of drugs, alcohol, and other chemicals has become a major problem in **our** country and because the use and availability of these substances on school campuses interfere with the educational process, this policy is being adopted and implemented. The policy is designed to help eradicate the influence of drugs, alcohol, and other chemicals within the school environment. It is designed to act as punishment, deterrent, and protection for the students.

This policy applies to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school, or at a school sponsored activity. Whose conduct at any time or in any place interfered with or obstructs the missions or operations of the school district or the safety or welfare of students or employees.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of controlled or counterfeit substance as (defined in the statutes of Missouri) in the work place is prohibited. Any student or employee found to be manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing or using such a controlled or counterfeit substance shall be subject to disciplinary action by the School District of Joplin Schools, up to and including termination of employment for employees or expulsion for students. (RSMo 195,020)

It shall be against school policy for any student to possess, use, distribute, sell, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, alcohol, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, glue, or narcotics device (herein after referred to as contraband or controlled substances):

1. on or adjacent to the school grounds or school property
2. off the school grounds at a school activity.

Students shall not be under the influence of contraband or controlled substances as a result of use prior to arrival at school or a school function.

Students involved in incidents of the foregoing nature shall be disciplined within guidelines developed by the administrative staff and subject to the same review procedures as those used in any other disciplinary action.

A student's proper use of a medicine authorized by a medical prescription in the student's name will not be considered a violation of this policy.

To insure the fair and prompt handling of any incident involving drug or alcohol abuse by students, school employees will:

1. report any known or suspected incident involving contraband or controlled substances to the Director of FTC;
2. inform the Director immediately if substances have been observed or the student is obviously not in full control of job faculties.

The Director will:

1. Confiscate any substances or material suspected to be contraband or controlled substance,
2. Investigate any incident reported or observed involving suspected student use or possession of contraband or controlled substance,
3. Contact local law enforcement authorities to report the particulars of the incident and pass on to them any objects or substances confiscated,
4. Notify the school counselor when the situation appears to warrant their participation and the student can benefit from such counseling,
5. Transmit a written report of the incident to the Superintendent within 24 hours.

The student convicted of a violation of a criminal drug statute the school shall notify the School Board within five (5) days after such conviction.

Warning: As set out more fully in section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, if you are convicted of drug distribution or possessions, the court may suspend your eligibility for Title IV financial aid. If you are convicted three or more times for drug distribution, you may become permanently ineligible to receive Title IV financial aid.

Note: The Schedule of Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. 812) does not classify alcohol or tobacco products as controlled substances.