

## POLICY: ALCOHOL TOBACCO & OTHER DRUGS

### J PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY

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JPTA POLICY: It is the policy of JPTA that the use or possession of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, or tobacco, or drug paraphernalia (together called "Prohibited Substances") by students, school staff, parents, and school visitors, while on JPTA property, in school vehicles, at school functions or school sponsored activities away from JPTA's campus is prohibited.

1. DEFINITIONS: To assist in clarifying expectations about the Prohibited Substances at JPTA, the following definitions are provided:

- A. "Alcoholic beverage" means any liquor, wine, beer, or other beverage containing ethyl alcohol.
- B. "Illicit Drugs" means all drugs, the possession of which is illegal under federal or state law; intoxicating inhalants or mood-altering substances (e.g. paint, glue, aerosol, sprays, etc.); prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs and over-the-counter medications used, possessed, or distributed for unauthorized purposes; and counterfeit or look-alike substances.
- C. "Tobacco Products" means any manufactured product containing tobacco or Nicotine, including electronic cigarettes.
- D. "Possession" means having any Prohibited Substance on your person, in your personal belongings, in your assigned desk or other personal space, or within your control.
- E. "Distribution" means any action that you take that results in a transfer of a Prohibited Substance from you to another person.
- F. "Tobacco/Drug Paraphernalia" includes every object that is intended or designed to be used to make, store or conceal Prohibited Substances, or used to inject, ingest, or in any way put the prohibited substances into your body.

2. BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS: JPTA has the following student expectations while students are at school or any school sponsored event or activity whether on JPTA's campus or at another location:

- A. No student will possess, use, distribute or be under the influence of Prohibited Substances;
- B. No student will possess, use or distribute Tobacco and/or Drug Paraphernalia; and
- C. No student will possess or use any medications, except for prescription medications or over-the-counter medications specifically prescribed for that student, or for which the student has written authorization from a parent to have at school pursuant to JPTA policies.

3. CONSEQUENCES. If a student is found violating the JPTA Behavior Expectations, the Head Administrator or his/her designee may take any of the following actions:

- A. Conference with staff, parent/guardian and student
- B. Require a "No-Use" Contract or other Behavior Contract before returning to school
- C. Refer student to support services or outside resources
- D. Exclude student from school activities and/or suspend school privileges
- E. Detention or In-School Suspension
- F. Out of School Suspension, including long term suspension or expulsion
- G. Referral to law enforcement or other authorities
- H. Any other consequence deemed appropriate under the circumstances

4. REPORTING/RETALIATION. If a JPTA student has information that any person on JPTA campus is, or may be violating this policy, the student can report that information to any JPTA staff member without fear of retaliation.