

ALCOHOL ABUSE

The Sevier County Board of Education is concerned about the abuse of alcohol by students in this school system. The curriculum will address appropriate alcohol (as well as drug) education programs at all levels. The Board further states that every reasonable effort will be made to ensure that the environment of all our schools, shops, and offices are alcohol and drug free.

ALCOHOL ABUSE BY STUDENT IN GRADES 5 - 12

A student may be suspended for use, possession, selling, or distribution of alcohol. Possession, use, selling or distribution may be punished by a twenty day alternative placement or a ten day suspension. Should an administrator feel that the ten day suspension is not adequate, a superintendent's hearing may be convened within ten days and an additional ten days may be considered. (Students in grades 5 & 6 must have the prior approval of the superintendent for ALC placement.) A petition may be filed in court by the principal if such action appears warranted. If the student has an alternative placement, the student must have a superintendent's hearing before his/her return to the home school. The hearing officer will review the facts of the case and may recommend a return to the home school or an additional alternative placement time. A student selling alcohol will be suspended from school pending a superintendent's hearing to be convened within ten school days. The student will be considered for expulsion.

The student's parents or guardian may appeal any suspension, an expulsion, or an alternative placement. Procedures for the appeal are outlined in BP 606.

A student committing a second offense during the academic year will be suspended from school and a superintendent's hearing will be convened within ten days. The student will be considered for expulsion for at least ninety days.

If the student is expelled, he/she must appear before the Board to request permission to return to school after the term of the expulsion.

If the student is suspended or expelled near the end of a school year, then the suspension or expulsion will continue into the next school year until the full term of the suspension or expulsion.

ALCOHOL ABUSE BY STUDENTS IN GRADES K THROUGH 4

A student who uses, has possession of, or is under the influence of alcohol will be considered for a ten day out-of-school suspension and will be required to have a superintendent's hearing. The hearing officer will review the facts of the case and make appropriate recommendations. A student committing a second offense during the academic year will be suspended awaiting a superintendent's hearing. This hearing will convene within ten days to consider a possible suspension of up to ninety days or even expulsion. The student must appear before the Board before re-entering school. The parent/guardian may appeal suspensions or expulsions as outlined in BP 606.