

# Student Assistance Program

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### **Mission Statement**

The Student Assistance Program seeks to provide services to students of the Daviess County Public School System for emotional, behavioral and/or substance abuse issues.

### **Services Offered**

The services offered through the Student Assistance Program include education, prevention, identification, intervention, resource networking with community providers, and consultation with school personnel when necessary. The Daviess County Public School system employs full time Student Assistance Coordinators to work in the elementary, middle and high schools. Services are also available to the alternative schools and special service programs.

Referrals to the program are made through the guidance department of the student's school.

### **Fees/Eligibility**

All services are free. Students must be enrolled in the Daviess County Public Schools.

### **Substance Abuse: Drug Use Definition**

Drug use is defined to include the following acts in schools, on school grounds, or while engaged in school sponsored or supervised activities.

1. Illegal use of controlled substances or illegal drugs;
2. Possessing controlled substances or illegal drugs;
3. Offering for sale or engaging in the sale or distribution of controlled substances or illegal drugs;
4. Possessing paraphernalia connected with the use or sale of illegal drugs, controlled substances, over the counter, and tobacco.
5. Look-alike drugs will be considered illegal drugs.
6. Possession of some OTC painkillers and legitimately prescribed medications not intended for illegal use may be determined on a case-by-case basis after consulting with the DPP.

Controlled substances include, but are not limited to, over-the-counter proprietary drugs, prescription drugs, commercially available substances illegally used, sold or offered for sale by persons in a manner for which the substance is not intended to be sold, prescribed or used. Illegal drugs include those substances primarily made and used, possessed, sold, or offered for sale by persons in a manner that violates the law, regulation, or policy. There will be a sincere attempt to make all rules and regulations of Daviess County Public Schools available to students

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and parents.

### **Substance Abuse, Drugs and Alcohol**

The faculty and administration of Daviess County Public Schools feel that there is no place for drugs and alcohol in the school environment. We accept the fact that there is a problem in the school systems of the United States, and in the society in general. We are committed to controlling this problem to the best of our ability. We will take a strong stand in the fight against teenage use of drugs and alcohol. **All medications**, both prescription and nonprescription, must be checked in to the office upon arrival at school and then taken to the school nurse. The school nurse must dispense **all medications**. Any student failing to abide by this policy can expect severe disciplinary action.

When a student possesses or has consumed an alcoholic beverage, controlled dangerous substance, look alike, non-controlled substance, or other intoxicant, a principal will suspend the student for no more than nine (9) days and the student will be placed in The Center Program for nine (9) days. If this is a second offense the student may be recommended for expulsion.

1. The student and his parent or guardian will agree to participate in the school system's Drug/Alcohol Education Program. Students will attend a minimum of six (6) sessions and the parent or guardian will attend one (1) session.
2. Student will remain in the In-House Crisis Program until all requirements are fulfilled.

A second violation of the board of education policy concerning the possession of or consumption may result in expulsion from school.

When it has been established that a student is involved in the distribution, possession with intent to distribute, or conspiracy to distribute an alcoholic beverage, controlled dangerous substance, counterfeit controlled dangerous substance or other intoxicant, a principal will suspend the student with a request to the Superintendent for expulsion.

Graduation students who violate this policy any time during the last four weeks of school, shall be placed in the In-House Crisis and/or suspended and shall be prohibited from participation in all senior activities, including proms, award ceremonies and graduation ceremonies.

Diplomas earned by students denied participation in graduation ceremonies shall be available upon request in the office of the appropriate school principal on the first work day following graduation ceremonies.