Hickman County Board of Education

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General

Any employee who violates the terms of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension, dismissal, and/or referral for prosecution.[1]

The Director of Schools shall be responsible for providing a copy of this policy to all school district employees.

DEFINITIONS

"Workplace" shall include any school building or any school premise; any school-owned or any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; and off-school property during any school-sponsored or school approved activity, event, or function.

"Illegal drugs" shall include any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, or any other controlled substance as defined by federal law.[2]

"Unauthorized drugs" shall include, but are not limited to, inhalants; any designer, synthetic, derivative, analogous, or "look-alike" substances that are manufactured, designed, or intended to resemble and/or mimic the effects of illegal drugs; any legally prescribed drugs being used in a manner for which they were not intended or prescribed including, but not limited to, the use of prescription drugs prescribed for another individual; and any lawful substances that could result in impairment of physical or mental capacity that is threatening to the health or safety of the employee or others.[3]

"Alcohol" shall include, but is not limited to, spirits, liquor, wine, beer, and any liquid containing alcohol as defined by state and federal law.[4]

ALCOHOL & DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

No employee while on or in the workplace shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use, or be under the influence of any illegal or unauthorized drugs[1] or any alcohol.[5]

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION/SCREENING BASED UPON REASONABLE SUSPICION

Whenever the Director, or his/her authorized designee reasonably suspects that an employee's work performance or on-the-job behavior may have been affected in any way by illegal drugs or alcohol or that an employee has otherwise violated this policy, Alcohol & Drugs in the workplace, the employee may be required to submit a breath and/or urine sample for drug and alcohol testing as detailed in Policy 5.403 Drug & Alcohol Testing for Employees.

Legal References

1. Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 USCA § 8103; 34 CFR §§ 84.205 – 84.215
2. 21 USCA § 812
3. TCA 49-5-1003(b)(16), (17), (18)
4. TCA 57-4-102; 26 USCA § 5002
5. TCA 39-17-715

Cross References

Supervision 5.108
Drug & Alcohol Testing for Employees 5.403
Drug-Free Schools 6.307