



Emery High School Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco, Policy

Tobacco Use/Possession

1. Disciplinary action, independent of any court action, shall be taken by the school in cases involving the use, possession, sale or distribution of tobacco/tobacco products including vapors. For a first tobacco violation, the principal or designee shall:

A) Be issued a school citation and a \$50 fee will be paid to the school.

B) Submit a court referral where applicable by law.

C) Notify the parents; and

D) Require the student to attend the Tobacco Cessation Program.

2. For the second violation, the principal or designee:

A: Shall be issued a school citation and a \$100 fee will be paid to the school.

B) Submit a court referral where applicable by law.

C) Notify the parents;

D) Suspend the student out of school for up to 10 days; and

E) Order the student to complete a Tobacco Cessation Program.

3. For the third and subsequent violations, the principal or designee shall:

A) Be issued a school citation and a \$100 fee will be paid to the school.

B) Submit a court referral where applicable by law.

C) Notify the parents;

D) Meet with the student and parent to address future school needs.

4. If the student desires to return to school after suspension, he/she must show evidence of having completed the Tobacco Cessation Program and is in acceptable standing with the school administration. Whenever students are found guilty of tobacco use, possession, or selling or distributing tobacco/tobacco products, they shall be issued a citation by the school administration, staff, and/or law enforcement authorities, and subsequent juvenile court action may be taken. The student shall also be subjected to discipline action independent of any court action and referred to the Tobacco Cessation Program. The word tobacco shall include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless, or other tobacco products in any form including the vaping or the use of vapors.

Alcohol, Drugs, Narcotics, and Stimulants- The Emery County Board of Education recognizes that the illicit use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcohol, controlled substances, imitation controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia constitute a hazard to students and is illegal under the statutes of the State of Utah. Therefore, the use, possession, distribution, or sale of such substances and paraphernalia are prohibited on any district-owned property, at any activity sponsored by any of the district schools, or when students are being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district or school, whether or not it is district-owned property or during regular school hours. The policy of Emery High School is that if you appear to be under the influence of drugs by appearance, behavior, odor, etc., law-enforcement personnel will be notified for evaluation.

Goals of the Policy:

A. To eliminate the disruptive influence of drug and alcohol use on students and the educational process.

- B. To provide protection of the health and welfare of all students as required by the doctrine of *in loco parentis*.
- C. To help students become capable young people who will not need to use controlled substances or exhibit aberrant behavior.
- D. To reinforce and encourage students to make decisions to adopt and lead healthy productive lifestyles.
- E. To provide a management framework for administrators to provide equitable and expeditious handling of alcohol and drug-related incidents.
- F. To make optimal use of opportunities available to educators to identify and assist students involved with alcohol and drugs.

Penalties for Drug/Alcohol-Related Activities:

Disciplinary action, independent of any court action, will be taken by the school district in cases involving the use, possession, distribution or sale of alcohol, or controlled substances, imitation controlled substances, and drug paraphernalia. Students may be subject to immediate in-school suspension, suspension, change of school or school program, or possible expulsion for violation of the policy.

A student who violates the District Alcohol and Drug Policy of the first time shall be suspended from school for a 10-day period, given a school citation and be required to pay a \$50 fee. (\$100 for each subsequent offense)

1. A student returning to school following a suspension shall be automatically referred to the school counselor/advisor for supportive follow up.
2. A non-use contract shall be signed by the student, parent, and the designated educator.
3. The student shall complete (at district expense) counseling sessions at school with Four Corners Behavioral Health, and at least one parent is encouraged to participate in these sessions. However, if the student and parent so desire, they may choose counseling (at their own expense) from one of the licensed counseling agencies. They must provide proof of counseling arrangements, at the beginning of the counseling, to the principal. At the end of counseling, they must submit to the principal a letter stating counseling has been completed.
4. If the student fails to complete a counseling program as outlined in No. 3 above, the student will be assigned to an alternative school program.

The student shall participate in a formal alcohol and/or drug assessment which is provided by the Emery County School District, or from any alcohol and drug treatment agency approved by the Emery County School District, with the cost of alternative assessment assumed by the parent. Failure to secure such an assessment may result in further appropriate action such as placement in an alternative school program or expulsion from school.

A student who participates in school-sponsored activities and functions such as clubs, teams, band, choir, etc., or who serves as an elected or appointed student body or class officer, shall not participate during the time of suspension. During the professional counseling period provided, participation in school activities is dependent upon faithful attendance at the counseling sessions or counselor recommendation. To return to such activities, the student must also be in good standing with the school principal who will authorize any return to participation in such activities.

A student who violates the District Alcohol and Drug Policy a second time may be expelled from school if he/she has attained the age of 16 years or more. If under 16 years of age, the student may be placed in an alternative school program.

Student Self-referral: If a student voluntarily admits to having a drug or alcohol-abuse problem, the district will provide a conference with the principal or designated educator, waive the school penalties regarding suspension and reporting to the sheriff, but the UHSAA penalties will be enforced. The district will provide counseling for the first-time offenders as outlined above. Possible additional resources for assistance will be encouraged. If a student chooses to report himself/herself, it is the responsibility of the student to provide proof of attendance and completion of a program to the principal.