

# POLICY

## Queen Anne's County Public Schools

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| POLICY TITLE:<br>Drug and Alcohol                     |  |
| ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE:<br>June 01, 2011             |  |
| POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY:<br>Students |  |
| Amendment:  |  |

### I. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish the procedures to be used when a student on Queen Anne's County Public School's property, or engaged in a Queen Anne's County Public School's sponsored activity, is found to be using, under the influence of, possessing, manufacturing, distributing, or attempting to distribute alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances, look-a-likes, or other intoxicants or is representing that a substance is a controlled dangerous substance, or is in the possession of any paraphernalia as defined in the criminal statutes of Maryland.

### II. Policy Statement:

Queen Anne's County Public Schools recognizes the concept that substance abuse is an illegal act as well as a personal and public health concern. Therefore, parents and students are advised that, in addition to school and school system based consequences, appropriate law enforcement agencies will be contacted by school officials upon discovery of any student that is found to be using, under the influence of, possessing, manufacturing, distributing, or attempting to distribute alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances, look-a-likes, or other intoxicants or is representing that a substances is a controlled dangerous substance, or is in the possession of any paraphernalia as defined in the criminal statutes of Maryland. Prior to readmission, the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) must complete an alcohol/drug assessment by the Queen Anne's County Health Department or another licensed agency and follow all recommendations made by that agency along with school and school system consequences.

### III. Rationale:

Students and staff must be assured that they are attending school in a safe and drug free environment each day.

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### **IV. Definitions:**

Alcohol/Drugs- Any controlled dangerous substance, drug paraphernalia, look-a-like drugs, alcohol, over-the-counter drugs/medications, inhalants, prescription drugs, or any man-made or natural occurring substance used for the purpose of altering behaviors, mood or for changing the brain or nervous system.

### **V. Policy Standards:**

The Superintendent shall develop Administrative Procedures to implement this policy.