



FAITH ACADEMY

ANTI-SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT

Faith Academy and its Board of Trustees recognize that the youth of our country are our future leaders and that we play a vital role in the training and development of these boys and girls. Students in grades seven through twelve are the role models for other students. They are the key to our goal of providing the best possible educational program for all students. To achieve our goal, and to maximize the skills and talents of our students, it is important that every student and employee of our school system understand the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. This policy statement should clarify our position on student drug and alcohol use. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to depart from these policies and procedures where it deems appropriate. Except where specifically prohibited by law, the guidelines contained within this document may be changed by the Board at any time. Students covered by this policy and procedures will be informed of changes.

POLICY OBJECTIVES:

1. To create and maintain a safe, drug-free environment for all students.
2. To encourage any student with a dependence on or addiction to alcohol or other drugs to seek help in overcoming the problem.
3. To reduce the likelihood of incidents of accidental personal injury and/or damage to students or property.
4. To minimize the likelihood that school property will be used for illicit drug activities.
5. To protect the reputation of the school and its students.

Substance abuse can be a serious threat to the school system, its students, visitors and employees. Though the percentage of substance-abusing students may be relatively small, practical experience and research indicate that appropriate precautions are necessary. It is the belief of the Board of Trustees that the benefits derived from the policy objectives outweigh the potential inconvenience to students. The Board and the Administration earnestly solicit the understanding and cooperation of all students and parents in implementing this policy.

ANTI-SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM POLICY CONSENT/RELEASE FORM

I have read the above policy statement and agree to abide by the Board of Trustees' drug and alcohol rules. I agree to submit to drug and/or alcohol tests at any time as a condition for my initial and continued enrollment at Faith Academy. I authorize any laboratory or medical provider to release test results to the previously mentioned school and its Drug Program Coordinators.

I also expressly authorize the Board or its Drug Program Coordinators to release any test-related information, including positive results:

- (a) As directed by my specific, written consent authorizing release of the information to an identified person.
- (b) To my decision maker (parents, legal guardian or legal counsel) in a lawsuit, grievance, or other proceeding initiated by or on behalf of myself.

I understand that this agreement in no way limits my right to terminate or to be terminated from this school.

Student

Date

Parent or Guardian

Date