

Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy Alcohol and Drug Free School Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Pataula Charter Academy (PCA) and Spring Creek Charter Academy (SCCA) enforce the provisions of state law and the requirements for the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 as related to Alcohol and Drugs on the school's main campus as well as any other property that counts as an extension of the campus such as bus stops and other places where school sponsored or school related activities or events are being hosted.

Definitions:

The School – For the purposes of this policy “The School” shall include the main campus or any property that is considered an extension of the grounds of the school including bus stops and other places where school sponsored or school related activities or events are being hosted.

Policy Statement:

PCA/SCCA will take every step appropriate to ensure the safety of its students, teachers, staff, and school administration. As such, PCA/SCCA shall enforce the following regarding Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs:

Alcoholic Beverages, Narcotics, and Stimulants:

A. Alcohol

In accordance with state law O.C.G.A. 3-3-21.1 no individual may possess any alcoholic beverage on the grounds of the school.

B. Narcotics and Stimulants

In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 no individual shall possess, sell, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs amphetamines, barbiturates, cocaine, marijuana, controlled substances, anabolic steroids, look-alike drugs, or intoxicants of any kind on the school grounds.

Use of a drug authorized by a medical prescription from a registered physician, and handled in accordance with the proper administrative procedures should not be considered a violation of this policy.

Incidents involving the possession, sale, and/or use of (including being under the influence of) alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other behavior affecting substances while at, in, or in route to the school shall be handled in accordance with appropriate administrative procedures.

School personnel should notify the appropriate law enforcement agency in the event that any individual is in violation of the law with regard to any illegal substance as previously described, and such individuals may have their visitation privileges restricted and/or may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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