



Sun Valley
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Smoking, Weapons & Substance Abuse Policy

1. Background

1.1 All public schools are declared drug free and dangerous object free zones.

2. Legislation

2.1 South African Schools Act no. 84 of 1996

2.2 Smoke free environment Act 1990

3. It is expected that:

3.1 No alcohol may be brought onto school premises, except if it is to be used at official functions approved by the principal.

3.2 Drugs may not be brought onto school premises, except for drugs prescribed by a physician. Learners are to inform their educators of what prescription drugs they are using.

3.3 No alcohol or drugs not prescribed by a physician may be consumed by a learner on school premises; or during outings, excursions, tours and camps.

3.4 No educator, parent, volunteer, staff member or visitor may consume alcohol or drugs not prescribed by a physician, on school premises during school hours, or when in the presence of learners.

3.5 No educator, parent, volunteer or staff member responsible for the transportation or supervision of learners may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. (Prescribed or not prescribed).

3.6 Learners affected (directly or indirectly) by alcohol or drug abuse will be afforded counselling by the school. (Funds permitting).

3.7 The sale of alcohol and drugs to minors is illegal. Legal and disciplinary steps will be taken against offenders selling or giving drugs or alcohol to minors.

3.8 Educators, staff or learners who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs and who attend school or school function where minors are present will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

3.9 Being under the influence of alcohol and drugs not prescribed by a physician on school premises is considered a serious misconduct and will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

3.10 Substance abuse in the sporting arena at our school will not be tolerated.

3.11 No educator, parent, volunteer, staff member, visitor or learner may willingly condone, connive, hide, abet or encourage possession of dangerous objects or refuse, fail, neglect to report the sighting or presence of any dangerous objects to the departmental authorities or the police as soon as possible.

3.12 No educator, parent, volunteer, staff member, visitor or learner may directly or indirectly cause harm to anyone who exposes another person who makes an attempt to frustrate the prevention of the dangerous objects and activities.

3.13 The principal or his or her delegate may, at random, search any learner or a group of learners or the property of a learner or group of learners, for any dangerous object or illegal drug, if a fair and reasonable suspicion has been established. Such a search must be done in accordance with Section 8A of SASA.

3.14 The building and grounds of the School will be a smoke free zone at all times.

4. HELP AND SUPPORT

- a) SANCA (SA National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency) (021) 945-4080
- b) Kenilworth Clinic (021) 797-1400
- c) Drug Counselling Centre (021) 447-8026
- d) Stepping Stones (021) 783-4230
- e) Tough Love (021) 438-9662