

Agenda Item 11. Policy Discussion: Code of Conduct Review for Athletics and Other Extracurricular Activities

Subject: Policy Review and Revision	Date: <u>June 8, 2006</u>
Policy Reference: BFB	Enclosures: 3
Strategic Plan Goal Reference: 4	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION: Action _____ Information <u>X</u>

Background

Policy JFC – Student Conduct– Applicable to All Students

Policy JFC –Student Conduct acknowledges that “every student has a right to a quality education in an environment that is conducive to learning and free of disruption. Conversely, every student has the responsibility not to deny that right to others.” This policy further states that “students are subject to corrective action for any misconduct that occurs under the following circumstances:

- in school during school hours
- on school property
- on a school vehicle
- while participating in or attending any school-sponsored activity or trip
- on the way to and from school, and
- at other times permitted by law.”

In addition, “coaches, teachers, and sponsors responsible for athletic teams, co-curricular activities, or other student groups may set additional standards related to dress, behavior, and training.”

If an illegal substance is found in the student’s possession and it is the student’s first offense, the student will be suspended for not less than three school days and not more than thirty school days. The second offense and any felony offenses will result in expulsion by the School Board. It is the responsibility of the School Board to protect the health, safety, welfare, and individual rights of students.

Policy JFCI – Substance Abuse – Student Assistance - Applicable to All Students

Policy JFCI – Substance Abuse-Student Assistance indicates “the primary responsibility for helping students who are involved with substance abuse lies with the students and their parents.” However, the Board supports programs that provide students with information and activities which help to prevent the use of alcohol and drugs.

Policy JGD/JGE – Student Suspension/Expulsion – Applicable to All Students

Policy JGD/JGE defines the rules for student suspensions/expulsions and includes consequences for drug offenses.

Athletic Training Rule – Applicable to All Student Athletes

Student athletes must be drug, tobacco, and alcohol free at all times. The current state is that athletes and parents sign a training rule and if they violate the training rule on or off school grounds, they will be suspended from participation in all school-sponsored extra curricular activities for thirty calendar days.

Virginia High School League Eligibility

Virginia High School League eligibility requirements include a requirement that students be in good standing in the school which he/she represents, but does not address off-grounds underage drinking specifically.

Administrative Consideration (Rationale)

Review and discuss Policy JFC and any applicable law pertaining to the discipline of students who have been arrested for underage drinking or substance abuse. Mr. Trank will address legal parameters governing School Board discipline policies regarding off-grounds misconduct including underage drinking and the police department's legal requirements regarding disclosure of names of students arrested for such offenses. The School Board will discuss legal responsibilities and /or actions they can/shall take to address off-grounds use of illegal substances or other illegal activities. They will also examine the current Student Conduct Policy for all students, athletes, and those who participate in other extracurricular activities (ex. Band) to see if it effectively addresses on/off-grounds misconduct.

Budget Implications (Short and Long Term)

There is no financial impact associated with review of this policy.

Recommendation/Future Direction/Time Line

Receive for information, discussion, and direction.