

REGULATION

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Related Entries: COB-RA, COB-EA, COC-RA, COC-EA, COF-EA, IGN, IGO-RA

Responsible Office: Deputy Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Programs
Deputy Superintendent of School Support and Improvement
Chief Operating Officer

Related Sources: Annotated Code of Maryland, *Criminal Law Article §5-627(a)*; *Education Article §26-103*; Code of Maryland Regulations 13A.02.04, *Health-General Article §8-101(1)*

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs on Montgomery County Public Schools Property

I. PURPOSE

To establish procedures and penalties when anyone on Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) property, or engaged in MCPS-sponsored activities, is found to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. *Drug* is defined in Maryland law as a controlled dangerous substance that is regulated under the *Maryland Controlled Dangerous Substances Act*, a prescription medication, or a chemical substance when used for unintended and harmful purposes.
- B. *MCPS property* means any school or other facility including grounds owned or operated by MCPS, MCPS buses, and other MCPS vehicles and the facility and/or grounds of any MCPS-sponsored activity involving students.

III. BACKGROUND

The state of Maryland prohibits the sale or use of tobacco in any form and drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages on school property. Similarly, Maryland prohibits drugs in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school property. MCPS has the authority to establish reasonable disciplinary guidelines to prohibit the possession, use, or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs on MCPS property.

IV. PROCEDURES**A. Students**

Guidelines for student incidents related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs are addressed in MCPS Regulation IGO-RA, *Guidelines for Incidents of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Abuse Involving Students*.

B. Employees

Any MCPS employee who violates the law or Montgomery County Board of Education policy regarding possession and/or use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs is subject to disciplinary proceedings of suspension or dismissal.

C. Others

1. Persons and groups using MCPS facilities will register with and follow procedures set forth by the Interagency Coordinating Board.
2. The principal/director, or designee, will notify the police about any person observed in possession of or using alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs on school premises.
3. All such incidents in which there is a police referral will be reported following procedures set forth in MCPS Regulation COB-RA, *Reporting a Serious Incident*.

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