



# IBERIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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## MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Iberia Parish School Board and its employees are committed to the creation of a safe and drug-free environment for all of the students of our parish. We believe that the only way in which we can provide quality educational programs for our students is to implement appropriate safeguards which will prevent substance abuse and increase safety.

The need for parental and community involvement in this on-going process of substance abuse and violence prevention education is imperative. Parents and educators must continually reinforce the message of the detrimental effects of illegal drug use and unsafe practices. We must also teach our students about positive experiences and effective skills that develop a resilience to choose a drug-free and safe lifestyle.

It is the intent of the Iberia Parish School Board to enforce the laws set forth by the State of Louisiana. We provide this publication to each parent, and in turn to their child, so that everyone will be aware and understand the necessary disciplinary action which will be taken against violators.

A united effort is necessary to keep our schools safe and drug-free!

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## DRUG/ALCOHOL PHILOSOPHY

The Iberia Parish School Board is committed to actively confronting the drug/alcohol problem which adversely affects the health, welfare, and ultimately, the equability of our students. The Iberia Parish School Board recognizes that the use of alcohol and other drugs and the concomitant problems associated with such use seriously impairs the entire educational environment.

The Iberia Parish School Board also believes that it is in the best interests of the community to take steps to promote, enhance, and maintain a drug-free school system. The Board also believes that maintaining drug-free schools is a shared partnership among school personnel, students, parents, and other members of the community.

In an attempt to provide a safe, drug-free school environment for the students in Iberia parish, a policy has been established for possession, consumption and distribution of illegal/controlled substances. The Iberia Parish School Board neither condones nor accepts the illegal use of alcohol by minors; however, the Board does recognize that students behave in accordance with prevailing societal attitudes. Therefore, stricter consequences and increased substance abuse education is hereby warranted.

### I. STUDENT SMOKING POLICY JCDA, EB

The Iberia Parish School Board shall prohibit the possession, chewing, smoking and/or any other consumption of any tobacco or tobacco product or carry, use, have, possess, distribute, sell, give or lend any tobacco or tobacco product, cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other device for the use of tobacco in any form, by a student on the grounds of any school, in any school building, any school facility, on any school bus or, at any school bus pickup location. Parental permission to possess, smoke, or otherwise consume any tobacco or tobacco product does not exempt a student from this policy. Violations shall subject the student to appropriate disciplinary action. La. Rev. State. Ann§§ 17:240,17:416.

### II. STUDENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

In the Iberia Parish Public School System, every student shall be involved in an age-appropriate, developmentally based alcohol, drug, substance abuse, and violence prevention education program for a minimum of sixteen contact hours for students in kindergarten through the ninth grade and eight contact hours for students in tenth grade through twelfth grade every school year. The education program shall emphasize to students that the unlawful possession and/or use of alcohol, prescription or over the counter drugs, and illicit drugs is wrong and harmful.

### III. PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR CONTRABAND WITHIN IBERIA PARISH SCHOOLS

The following procedures will be followed when drugs or contraband of an illegal nature, i.e. alcohol, crack, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, etc., along with any and all equipment or paraphernalia which can be utilized to enhance their effects are believed or determined by principal/designee to be in the possession, use, or being sold by students on or in school property, i.e. grounds, buildings, sporting facilities, etc., at school activities away from school property or in school buses when associated with school supported functions, including transportation to and from school as well as during field trips.

A. A Drug/Alcohol Administrative Committee will be established within the Iberia Parish School System to address infractions by students. The committee will have the following members:

1. Chairman, Student Services Supervisor
2. Principal/designee and school support personnel as deemed necessary.
3. Parish Substance Abuse Coordinator
4. Special Education Complaint/Compliance Officer for Special Education Students

The presence of the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) at the hearing will be mandatory.

#### B. Procedures:

1. Upon reasonable cause, the principal will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s), the Supervisor of Child Welfare/Attendance and law enforcement officials as needed, giving each party the details of the infraction. Criminal charges will be filed as deemed necessary by the appropriate law enforcement agency. The student(s) will be suspended until a hearing is held. A receipt process will be utilized whenever a member of the Hearing Committee transfers material confiscated on school property to the Acadiana Crime Lab or law enforcement department for analysis. A copy of the receipt will be retained by the principal of the school and by the office of the chairman of the Drug Hearing Committee for the duration of that school year.
2. The Supervisor of Child Welfare/Attendance, with the assistance of the principal, will set the date on which the hearing will be held. This hearing must be scheduled no later than five (5) school days following the date of the infraction as prescribed in Policy JCAA, JDD, JDE - "Student Due Process."
3. The Supervisor shall formally notify all committee members, the parent(s)/guardian(s) and law enforcement officials, i.e. Juvenile Officer of the District Attorney's Office, in writing, of the infraction and impending hearing.
4. Any student determined by the Committee to have committed the infraction of which accused shall be disciplined in accordance with state law LA R.S. 17:416 and Board policy.
  - a. Any case involving a student in Kindergarten through grade five found guilty of knowledge of and intentional distribution of or possession with intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored event away from school property shall be

referred to the Iberia Parish School Board through a recommendation for action from the superintendent.

b. Any case involving a student having the knowledge of and intentional distribution of or possession with intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug or other controlled substance:

- (1) If under sixteen (16) years of age, and for grades 6-high school, the student shall be expelled for two (2) complete semesters.
- (2) If sixteen (16) years of age or more the student shall be expelled from Iberia Parish Schools for four (4) complete semesters.
- (3) All students who commit these infractions must be assessed by an approved agency and along with at least one parent, become involved in a drug education program approved by the Iberia Parish School Board before the student will be allowed readmittance.

#### IV. POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION OF ILLEGAL/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Elementary students (Grades K-6) who are found to be in possession of or possession with intent to distribute any scheduled or controlled narcotic or drug at school or any school sponsored activity shall be suspended for a minimum of five school days pending a hearing before the Administrative Drug/Alcohol Committee who will review the case and determine the conditions under which reinstatement will be allowed. The student's parents and the appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified.

NOTE: In accordance with LA R.S. 17:416, students in grades six through twelve who are under sixteen (16) years of age and who are found to be in possession of any scheduled or controlled narcotic or drug at school or any school sponsored activity, shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of two (2) complete semesters.

Any students in grades six through twelve who are sixteen (16) years of age or older and who are found to be in possession of any scheduled or controlled narcotic or drug at school or any school sponsored activity shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of four (4) complete semesters.

All students who commit these infractions must be assessed by an approved agency and along with at least one parent, become involved in a drug education program approved by the Iberia Parish School Board before the student will be allowed readmittance.

#### V. POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL: UNAUTHORIZED PRESCRIPTION OR NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: BOGUS DRUGS

Policy JCDAB, JD, JDD, JDE, JGCD

Any student who is found to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol, unauthorized prescription or non-prescription drugs, or possessing bogus, "look-alike" drugs will be suspended from school for a minimum of five days pending a hearing before the Administrative Drug/Alcohol Committee. The student's parents and appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified.

The student will be required to enroll in a substance abuse education program approved by the Hearing Committee and the student will be expelled from school if he fails to complete the program.

The student may be required to report to the Adjustment Center upon his return to school for a period of time which will be determined by the Hearing Committee.

The student will be ineligible for participation in any extra-curricular activities sponsored by the school for the remainder of the year.

The student will be placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of the school year; therefore, another suspendable infraction could be cause for expulsion from school. However, a second offense involving possession for as long as that student is enrolled in the public schools of Iberia Parish shall result in the student being expelled for the remainder of the school year.

programs that are available. It is not an endorsement of any particular program and should not be considered as such.

**Iberia Parish Substance Abuse Coordinator**  
**Iberia Parish Educational Center**  
**1204 LeMaire St, New Iberia, LA 70560**

**Phone: (337) 364-7641 - Contact Person: Darlene French**  
Prevention, intervention, referral program for students and their families with services available to the community at large. This program assists students, families, and the community with problems relative to alcohol/drug use and abuse, mental health problems, child abuse and neglect, teenage pregnancy, drop-out prevention, etc. All contacts are confidential. No fees.

**Freedom Recovery Center**  
**325 Kaliste Saloom #100, Laying, LA 70508**  
**Phone: (337) 369-9949**

Primary outpatient treatment for chemical dependency, co-dependency, anxiety, depression and dysfunctional families.

**New Iberia Behavioral Health Clinic**  
**611 W. Admiral Doyle, New Iberia, LA 70560**  
**Phone: (337) 373-2135**

A state supported agency. Outpatient treatment of chemical dependency. Sliding fee scale.

**Iberia Mental Health Center**  
**611 W. Admiral Doyle, New Iberia, LA 70560**  
**Phone: (337) 373-0002**

A state supported agency. Outpatient mental health services. Sliding fee scale.

**State of Louisiana Office of Community Services for Children, Youth and Family**

**706 Bayard St., New Iberia, LA 70560**  
**Phone: (337) 373-0026 (24 Hour Service - (337) 262-5901)**

Children Protective Services: Complaints of child abuse and/or neglect are investigated.

**Vermilion Hospital For Psychiatric & Addictive Medicine**  
**2520 N. University, Lafayette, La. 70507**  
**Phone: (337) 234-5614 or 1-800-821-2567**

Provides a local link to Vermilion Hospital which provides treatment for psychiatric and chemical dependency for adults and adolescents. Private hospital. Free assessments 24-hours a day.

**Hayes and Hayes Psychotherapy Association**  
**219 Weeks Street, New Iberia, LA 70560**  
**Phone: (337) 364-3333**

Outpatient Counseling: A. Individual, B. Family/Child

**Will Guidry, M.S.W. - Board Certified Social Worker**  
**812 Jefferson Terrace Blvd., New Iberia, LA 70560**  
**Phone: (337) 374-1905**

Outpatient Psychological Services to Individuals and Families.

**Henry J. LaGarde, PH.D.**  
**217 French Street, New Iberia, LA 70560**  
**Phone: (337) 367-6604**

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**Acadiana Recovery Center**  
**401 W. Vermilion, Lafayette, LA 70506**  
**Phone: (337) 291-5400**

**232-HELP**  
**P.O. Box 52763, Lafayette, LA 70505**  
**Phone: (337) 232-4357**

232-HELP is an education, information and referral center. People who are not certain where to obtain help, call this agency where the problem is determined and resolved.

**The Family Tree: Education, Information and Counseling Center - Anne LeBlanc**  
**605 W. St. Mary Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70502**  
**Phone: (337) 981-2180**  
**New Iberia Location - Jenny Perro**  
**1003 E. Admiral Doyle Dr., New Iberia**  
**Phone: (337) 739-5772**

**Medichest**  
**812 Jefferson Terrace Blvd., New Iberia, LA 70560**  
**Phone: (337) 367-8545**  
Drug Testing

**Alcohol Hotline - 1-800-252-6465 (24 hours)**  
**Cocaine Hotline - 1-800-COCAINE**  
**Suicide Hotline - 1-800-375-5555 or 1-800-749-2673**

#### SERVICES RESOURCE LIST

This list provides information about alcohol and other drug counseling