

PEACE ACADEMY SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ رِجْسٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ (5:90)

“O ye who believe! intoxicants and games of chance and idols and divining arrows are only an infamy of Satan's handiwork. Leave it aside (avoid it) in order that ye may succeed.”(5:90)

Islam takes an uncompromising stand in prohibiting intoxicants, regardless of whether the amount is little or much. If an individual is permitted to take but a single step along this road, other steps follow; he starts walking and then running, and does not stop at any stage. That is why the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Of that which intoxicates in a large amount, a small amount is haram". (Reported by Ahmad Abu Dawood, and At-Tirmidhi). And again, "If a bucketful intoxicates, a sip of it is haram".(Reported by Ahmad, Abu Dawood, and At-Tirmidhi). This leaves no room for doubts that any substance which has the effect of befogging or clouding the mind, impairing its faculties of thought, perception, and discernment is prohibited.*

Section 1.1 Rationale

Section 1.1.1 Peace Academy School recognizes that, in addition to meeting the educational and spiritual needs of its students, the school must also provide the framework for living lives based in healthy and moral choices. Consistent with the stated mission of the school, the entire educational process focuses on the whole person by integrating faith with the academic, social, emotional, and physical development of the student within the Islamic tradition .

Section 1.1.2 In recognizing that the parents are the primary educators of their children and that the family is the first school of the social virtues. Peace Academy School seeks to create a partnership that provides the means to deter young people from drug and alcohol use.

Section 1.1.3 The school seeks to empower students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make responsible, healthy, moral decisions regarding their behavior. In order to accomplish this shared responsibility, communication among parents, students and the school is imperative. To that end, Peace Academy combines a comprehensive substance abuse education program with programs of deterrence as well as resources and policies to encourage the maintenance of a healthy lifestyle by all its students.

Section 1.2 Student and Parent Responsibilities

Section 1.2.1 Attendance at Peace Academy School is a privilege. With that privilege comes responsibilities for students and parents. One of the greatest factors in an adolescent's choices regarding drugs and alcohol is the expectation of his or her parents. Peace Academy expects that parents communicate clearly to their children that the illegal use of drugs and alcohol is not acceptable. All students, parents or guardians are held to a high standard of behavior. As such, all students and

parents must consent, in writing, to all aspects of the comprehensive drug and alcohol policies and regulations in order to enroll and/or remain at Peace Academy School.

Section 1.2.2 Each student at Peace Academy School is subject to expectations and consequences regarding drug and alcohol use while enrolled at Peace Academy, including school premises and/or school-sponsored activities.

Section 1.2.3 Drug and alcohol testing cost will be paid by the parents/guardians as an annual fee to cover one test for each student and subsequent random tests in an academic year. This cost will be added to the registration fee for all Peace Academy and transfer students in grades 6-12.

If a student tests positive and the results are disputed by parents, the test must be requested and taken within seven (7) days of the positive result at the parents/guardians' additional expense.

Section 1.2.4 Students of Peace Academy shall not possess, use, sell, give or otherwise transfer, or be under the influence of any drug or substance that is, or has the potential to be, mind-altering. This includes, but is not limited to alcohol, tobacco, other intoxicants, illegal drugs, controlled substances and intoxicating inhalants.

Section 1.3 School Wide Drug Testing

Section 1.3.1 All Peace Academy students in grades 6-12 will be selected for drug testing at least one time during the school year. Testing will be conducted by trained school personnel. Students may also be randomly selected for additional drug testing or testing for excessive alcohol use any time during the school year. Peace Academy School reserves the right to require additional testing if a reasonable concern exists (left to administration judgment). An FDA-approved hair analysis method will be utilized for annual and random drug and/or alcohol testing. Fingernails or Saliva testing will be used with students who have very little head or body hair, until arrangements to collect hair can be made.

Section 1.3.2. Test results are stored off campus on a password-protected server with access by the director, principal and vice principal of student affairs. Results are stored by identification numbers; no names are stored with results. The school does not keep any on campus records; only the testing company has the results. Test results will not be made part of the student's permanent educational record. A student that is unable to, or refuses to, provide a hair sample will be required to withdraw immediately from Peace Academy School. Refusal to withdraw will result in expulsion.

Section 1.3.3 The School director, principal and the vice principal of student affairs will be aware of test results. Only POSITIVE test results will be communicated to parents/guardians. If a student tests positive, one of the designated administrators will contact the parents/guardians within 2-3 weeks of the submission of the sample and inform them of the results. The student will be required to withdraw immediately from Peace Academy. Refusal to withdraw will result in expulsion.

Section 1.3.4 Students who withdrew after positive drug and/or alcohol testing results cannot re-enroll at Peace Academy before the next academic year. The following conditions have to be met before their enrollment is accepted:

1. The student will be required to complete a chemical dependency screening at an approved agency and follow all recommendations of that evaluation (counseling, follow up testing, therapy, drug treatment programs etc.).
2. The student must submit to a drug and/or alcohol screening test through Peace Academy after applying for readmission. The screening is conducted at the expense of the parents/guardians. Student will be accepted to re-enroll only if he or she shows negative results.

After these requirements are met the student has to meet the regular transfer student requirements for enrollment. If the student is accepted he or she will be put on a one year probation period during which he or she must submit to drug and/or alcohol testing every 100 days at parents/guardians expense (in addition to the regular probation requirements). If all test results during this year came out negative then the student will follow the school regular screening process starting the year after (annual and random screening tests).

If the student shows positive results for the second time whether during the probation year or any time during his or her school career at Peace Academy he or she will be required to withdraw immediately from the School. Refusal to withdraw will result in expulsion. Furthermore, the student **will not** be allowed to re-enroll at Peace Academy at any point during his or her school career.

If parents refuse to withdraw their son or daughter after positive results and the student was expelled then he or she has to follow both expulsion requirements (student has to spend at least one academic year outside of Peace Academy before he or she is allowed to re-enroll to the school) in addition to the above requirements.

Section 1.3.5 If the student or his or her family feels the test results are erroneous, the student and family has the right to request that a second test be taken. The test must be requested and taken within seven (7) days of the positive result. The cost shall be paid by the parents, or legal guardians.

Section 1.3.6 All transfer students (new or returning student) in grades 6-12 shall submit to a drug and/or alcohol screening test as soon as they apply to Peace Academy. The test result has to come out negative before their enrollment to Peace Academy is accepted. The screening is conducted at the expense of the parents/guardians.

Section 1.4 Drug and Alcohol Use and Possession

Section 1.4.1 Possession and/or use of drugs and/or alcohol at school premises, or at a school-sponsored event constitute a violation of the Peace Academy Substance Abuse Policy.

Section 1.4.1.1 Any student using, being under the influence, or possessing alcohol, illicit drugs, controlled substances, intoxicating inhalants or counterfeit controlled substances or any substance that is, or has the potential to be, mind-altering will be removed from the school or school event and parents will be notified. Police may be notified and, at their discretion, will conduct an investigation. The student will be permanently withdrawn or expelled. Furthermore, students **will not** be allowed to re-enroll at Peace academy at any point during his or her school career.

Section 1.4.1.2 Any student furnishing, distributing, selling, conspiring to sell or possess or being in the chain of sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages, non-intoxicating alcoholic beverages (as defined by Oklahoma law such as 3.2 beer), illegal or illicit drugs, controlled substances, intoxicating inhalants or counterfeit controlled substances or any substance that is, or has the potential to be, mind-altering will be removed from school or school event, police will be notified, and the student will be permanently withdrawn or expelled. Furthermore, students **will not** be allowed to re-enroll at Peace academy at any point during his or her school career.

Section 1.5 Tobacco Use and Possession

Section 1.5.1 Any student using or possessing tobacco of any kind on school grounds or at any school activity or event will be subject to disciplinary action. Discipline may include but not be limited to parent notification, detention, suspension or expulsion (details are available in the student code of conduct).

Section 1.6 Drug and Alcohol Education and Deterrence

Section 1.6.1 Education and deterrence will continue to be the focus of Peace Academy's Substance Abuse Policy. Efforts such as a Drug and Alcohol Education experts, assemblies, parent education opportunities, and other resources will be utilized as available.

* <http://www.quranforall.org/fatawaa/alcholprohb.htm>