

## **ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ALCOHOL**

It is the intent of the Citrus County School Board and Administration to make it very clear that there is zero tolerance relating to drugs and alcohol. Disciplinary action will be taken in matters involving possession, usage, delivery and/or sale of drugs or alcohol on school property, on school sponsored transportation, at school bus stops, on school buses, or during school sponsored activities.

Controlled drugs and narcotic substances include those substances listed in Chapter 893 of the Florida Statutes, and any prescription drug in the possession of anyone other than the individual for whom the drug or narcotic was prescribed will also violate school policy and subject the student to disciplinary and criminal action.

Possession of controlled substances or alcohol by a student with or without consumption or usage will result in suspension for a minimum of ten (10) days pending further investigation for possible expulsion and criminal action. If expulsion is determined to be warranted, the expulsion will be for a minimum loss of one (1) academic quarter.

Possession of controlled substances or alcohol by student and the giving, sharing, or delivery of the controlled substance or alcohol to another person will result in expulsion from the school district for a minimum loss of one (1) academic semester or two (2) academic quarters and criminal action.

Possession of controlled substances or alcohol by a student and the sale or delivery for compensation to another person will result in expulsion from the school district for minimum loss of one (1) academic year or four (4) continuous quarters and criminal action.

The School Board always retains the right to review each case on its merits and circumstances and determine the appropriate penalty notwithstanding the minimum set forth herein.

If a student is expelled for a violation related to drugs, alcohol or a controlled substance, it is strongly recommended that the parents or guardians of this student demonstrate evidence and documentation that a professional form of intervention has been implemented. Written evidence of the evaluation or assessment should be made available to the director before the student is permitted to re-enter school.