

## Falmouth High School

### Summary Overview of Key Policies

The following overview is provided with the intent of highlighting the most important provisions in three (3), key, Falmouth Public School policies which establish expectations for student behavior. This is only a summary; the complete policies should be read carefully and thoroughly by students and parents.

#### Falmouth Public Schools Code of Conduct (Policy JIC)

Ethical and responsible behavior is an essential part of the educational mission of the Falmouth Schools. To that end, this System-Wide Code of Conduct has been developed with input from school staff, students, parents and community members. The Code defines our collective expectations for students, staff, parents and community members' behavior provides the framework for a safe, orderly and respectful learning environment. The community-wide expectations for behavior are based on the following standards: **respect, honesty, tolerance, fairness, responsibility and courage.**

#### Extra Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities – Code of Conduct (Policy JICI)

Since participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege, it is important that students, parents and other interested persons are aware of the following rules and regulations. To participate in extra and co-curricular activities, a student MUST:

- Remain academically eligible (passing 4 or more academic courses per quarter)
- Arrive at school ON TIME daily
- Remain in compliance with the Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy (Policy JICH)

Improper conduct, as determined by the athletic director, coach and/or administration shall result in disciplinary action up to and including removal/suspension from the team or activity. For infractions involving use of drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco, refer to the guidelines provided below:

#### Student Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use (Policy JICH)

Use of illegal or unauthorized use/misuse of prescription or controlled drugs, use/abuse of alcohol and/or use of tobacco products (by those less than 18 years of age) each constitute a violation of law. Engaging in these behaviors is not only breaking the law but, as well, creates serious health and safety risks to self and others. These behaviors are expressly prohibited at all times and in all locations by law and by School Board policy. The Falmouth School District in partnership with students, parents and local law enforcement officials will work to eliminate these risks for all Falmouth students. **The rules and sanctions set forth in the Administrative Procedures (JICH-R) attached to the policy specifically address the district's immediate jurisdiction over student drug, alcohol and tobacco use.**

NOTE: A known offense/infraction occurring outside of the school district's immediate jurisdiction will result in loss of participation privileges for students involved in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

Tobacco related infractions

Disciplinary action ranges from detention to suspension and may result in a parental conference and loss of privileges and may include:

- a. Detention or suspension
- b. 1-3 day in-school suspension

**\* Loss of participation privileges in activities/athletics for 7 consecutive days is mandatory.**

Drug and/or alcohol infractions involving possession and/or being under the influence

Disciplinary action ranges from suspension to expulsion and may include a risk assessment by a qualified professional. At this level, a parental conference is required. Consequences may include the following:

- a. 3-10 day suspension out of school
- b. Recommendation to the Superintendent for an extended out-of-school suspension and/or expulsion hearing

**\* Loss of participation privileges in activities/athletics for 14 consecutive days is mandatory.**

Drug and/or alcohol infractions involving buying, selling, distribution

Disciplinary action ranges from suspension to expulsion and may include a risk assessment by a qualified professional. At this level, a parental conference is required. Consequences may include the following:

- c. 10 day suspension out of school
- d. Recommendation to the Superintendent for an extended out-of-school suspension and/or expulsion hearing.

**\* Loss of participation privileges in activities/athletics for 14 consecutive days is mandatory.**