POLICY 5530A – DETECTION OF DRUG USE AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPATION IN CTE PRGRAMS AND WORKSITE-BASED LEARNING AT KTC

It is important to provide a safe environment for students, others and employers. Laboratory experiences, work-based learning laboratories and job site applications require participation by students who are not under the influence of drugs or illegal substances. Drug use or suspicion of drug use may be cause for severe consequences to the student. Staff members are encouraged to be on alert for students who put themselves or others at risk.

Career/Technical Education (CTE) instructional programs are designed to simulate and prepare for job entry level occupational standards. Within every occupational area, standards of safety are established to reduce risk of injury to self, others and employers. A key requirement of a CTE curriculum is safety instruction. Students who are unable to meet or demonstrate the safety standards due to use of drugs and alcohol are subject to loss of credit and a referral back to the home school from the KTC program.

In the event an instructor has reasonable cause to suspect a student is under the influence of alcohol or drugs and may be a safety risk to self or others, they should immediately notify a building administrator. The instructor should stop the student from participating in any potentially harmful hands-on/lab activities.

The administrator will notify the parent/guardian and require a drug screen at the expense of Kent ISD. Pending the results of the drug screen, a student will not be permitted to participate in any potentially harmful hands-on/lab activities. If the results indicate drug or alcohol use, the student may be subject to loss of credit and expulsion.

Students who are recommended for work-based learning situations (i.e., co-op, internships, apprenticeships, community-based vocational training or work study) may be required to pass a drug screen as a condition of employment. Any student who fails the drug screen may be subject to loss of credit and a referral back to the home school.

KTC has a “drug-free zone” that extends 1,000 feet beyond Kent ISD boundaries, as well as any school activity, transportation or field trip. This means that any activity, possession, sale distribution or use of drugs, alcohol, prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, fake drugs, steroids, inhalants, or look-alike drugs is prohibited. This includes non-alcoholic beers, wines and the like. Students who break this rule could be suspended or referred back to the home school. Law enforcement officials may be contacted.

USE OF BREATH/TEST INSTRUMENTS

The principal may arrange for a breath test for blood alcohol to be conducted on a student whenever the principal has reasonable suspicion to believe that a student has consumed an alcoholic beverage. Parent/Guardian will be notified and offered the opportunity to be present. The student will be taken to a private administrative or instructional area on school property with at least one (1) other person of the teaching, administrative, security or police sector present to witness the test. The purpose of this test is to determine whether or not the student has consumed an alcoholic beverage. The amount of consumption is not relevant, except where the student may need medical attention.

If the result of the test indicates a violation of school rules as described in this Handbook, the student will be disciplined in accordance with disciplinary procedures described herein. If a student refuses to take the test, he/she will be advised that such a denial will be considered an admission of alcohol use with the consequent discipline invoked. The student will then be given a second opportunity to take the test.