

Lyon County School District Board Memo

Date: August 26, 2025
To: Board of School Trustees
From: Stacey Griffin-Cooper, Deputy Superintendent
Re: Policy JG – Student Discipline

Recommendation: That the Board of School Trustees review and approve the proposed revisions to Policy JG: Student Discipline as a second and final reading.

Background Information:

Policy JG governs student discipline within the Lyon County School District, outlining procedures for suspensions, expulsions, and permanent expulsions, ensuring compliance with state and federal laws. In coordination with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, specifically our school resource officers and Lyon County Juvenile Probation Office, staff is recommending changes to section VI subsection 7 to include the addition of "mind altering substances" such as Kratom to our list of prohibited substances. We are also adding a separate line for possession, sale, purchase or use of controlled substance paraphernalia, and adding mind altering substances such as Kratom to the prohibition of sale and purchase of controlled substances.

- **Rationale:** The proposed revisions aim to enhance clarity, update terminology, and ensure alignment with current legal standards and best practices regarding student discipline.
- **Potential Impact of Students/Staff:** These revisions will provide clearer guidelines for both students regarding disciplinary expectations and for staff in applying disciplinary measures consistently and appropriately.
- **Potential Safety Impacts:** By clarifying disciplinary procedures, the policy supports a more orderly and safe learning environment.
- **Risk Mitigation:** The updates help mitigate legal risks by ensuring the policy explicitly references and other mind-altering substances.
- **Next steps to implement the Recommendation:** Upon board approval, the revised Policy JG will be formally adopted and disseminated to all relevant school personnel and made accessible to students and parents/guardians.
- **Ties back to the District Improvement Plan or Portrait:** These revisions support the district's commitment to fostering a safe and equitable learning environment.

Budget Considerations:

There is no direct budget implication associated with these policy revisions.

Discussed at Previous Meeting:

July 22, 2025 first reading

Attachment(s):

Revised Policy JG - Student Discipline

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