LEGAL SANCTIONS

Local, state and federal laws provide for a variety of legal sanctions for the unlawful possession and distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. These sanctions include, but are not limited to, incarceration and monetary fines.

Federal law provides severe penalties for distributing, dispensing, or possessing with the intent to distribute or dispense a controlled substance and penalties of a less severe nature for simple possession of a controlled substance. The type and quality of the drug, whether the convicted person has any prior convictions and whether death or previous injury resulted from use of the drug in question all affect the sentence.

The first conviction still carries a sentence of up to a year imprisonment, a fine of at least $1,000 but not more than $100,000 or both. With regard to simple possession, the number of convictions makes both the minimum period of imprisonment and fines greater. Under special provisions for possession of crack, a person may be sentenced to a mandatory term of at least five years in prison and not more than 20 years, a fine of $250,000 or both.

Intent to consume 3.2 beer by someone under 21 years of age in a public place is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed $100 or by appropriate community service not to exceed 20 hours. Possession of other alcoholic/intoxicating beverages by someone under 21 years of age in a public place is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days, a fine not to exceed $100 or both. There are also state laws concerning driving under the influence of alcohol and using a false driver’s license to obtain 3.2 beer or other alcoholic beverages.

Depending upon the number of previous convictions or gravity of the circumstance, you may be convicted of a felony or misdemeanor for such an offense. Most likely you will also forfeit your driving privileges in the event you are convicted of such an offense.

REFERRAL FOR COUNSELING, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION

High Plains Technology Center provides referral and support services for students and employees. A list of additional programs, their location and phone number is maintained in the offices of the Director of Student Services and counselors. Seeking help from being referred to or from these services is confidential, and will not alone result in disciplinary action. Individual privacy will, of course, be maintained in any counseling/rehabilitation process. In addition, the following toll-free hotline numbers may be of use to someone needing help or advice:

- National Institution of Drug Abuse Information and Referral Line
  1-800-662-HELP, 8:30 – 4:30
- The Drug-Free Workplace Helpline
  1-800-967-5752 - 8:00 – 4:30, M-F
- www.drugfreeworkplace.gov
- National Council of Alcoholism
  1-800-622-2255, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

Students- Any students found to be in possession of dangerous weapons or controlled dangerous substances may be suspended by the superintendent or his/her designee not to exceed the current school semester and the succeeding semester. Law enforcement may be asked to assist if school officials deem necessary.

Employees- An employee who violates the term of the drug-free work place policy (section 2.23) may be non-renewed, or employment may be suspended or terminated pursuant to employee disciplinary procedures.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This institution, in compliance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, and other applicable federal laws and regulations, and to the extent required by law, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, physical or mental disability, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. Inquiries concerning the application of these programs should be made to Amber Riley, Counselor, High Plains Technology Center, 3921 34th St Woodward, OK 73801.
No employee engaged in work for High Plains Technology Center or in connection with a federal, state or local grant administered by the school district, or any student attending HPTC shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of, while on or in the workplace, any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, or any other controlled substance, as defined in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation 21C.F.R. 1300.11 through 1300.15 or dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of marijuana or any alcoholic beverage while on or in the workplace.

Workplace is defined to mean the site for performance of any work done in connection with the High Plains Technology Center, or under a federal, state or local grant. This includes any school building or any school premises; any school owned vehicle or any other school approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off school property, during any school sponsored or school approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district.

As a condition of employment of HPTC or any federal, state or local grant administered by the school district, each individual who is employed shall notify the supervisor of a conviction of any criminal drug statute violation occurring in the workplace as defined above, no later than 5 days after such conviction.

As a condition of employment with High Plains Technology Center or in any federal, state, or local grant, each employee shall abide by the terms of the school’s policy respecting a drug-free workplace. An employee who violates the terms of the policy may be non-renewed or employment may be suspended or terminated, pursuant to employee disciplinary procedure.

HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLICIT DRUG USE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

Alcohol and other drug use represent serious threats to health and the quality of life. More than 25,000 people die each year from drug-related accidents or health problems. With most drugs, it is probable that users will develop psychological and physical dependence. The general categories of drugs and their effects are as follows:

**Alcohol** - Short-term effects include behavioral changes, impairment of judgment and coordination, greater likelihood of aggressive acts, respiratory depression, irreversible physical and mental abnormalities in newborns (fetal alcohol syndrome) and death. Long-term effects of alcohol combine with other barbiturates/depressants can prove to be a deadly mixture.

**Amphetamine/Stimulants** - (Speed, uppers, crank, caffeine, etc.) Speed up the nervous system, which can cause increased heart and breathing rates, higher blood pressure, decreased appetite, headaches, blurred vision, dizziness, sleepiness, anxiety, hallucinations, paranoia, depression, convulsions and death due to a stroke or heart failure.

**Anabolic Steroids** - Seriously affect the liver, cardiovascular, and reproductive systems. Can cause sterility in males and females, as well as impotency in males.

**Barbiturates/Depressants** - (Downers, Qualuudes, Valium, etc.) Slow down the central nervous system which can cause decreased heart and breathing rates, lower blood pressure, slowed reaction, confusion, and distortion of reality, convulsions, respiratory depression, coma and death. Depressants combined with alcohol can be lethal.

**Cocaine/Crack** - Stimulates the central nervous system and is extremely addictive-psychologically and physically. Effects include increased heart rate, elevated blood pressure, insomnia, loss of appetite, Hallucinations, paranoia, seizures and death due to cardiac arrest or respiratory failure.

**Hallucinogens** - (PCP, angel dust, LSD, etc.) Interrupt the functions of the part of the brain, which controls the intellect and instincts. May result in self-inflicted injuries, impaired coordination, dulled senses, incoherent speech, depression, anxiety, violent behavior, paranoia, hallucinations, increased heart rate and blood pressure, convulsions, coma, and heart and lung failure.

**Cannabis** - (Marijuana, hashish, hash, etc.) Impairs short-term memory, comprehension, concentration, coordination, and motivation. May cause paranoia and psychosis. Marijuana smoke contains more cancer causing agents than tobacco smoke. The way in which marijuana is smoked, deeply inhaled and held in the lungs for a long period, enhances the risk of getting cancer. Combined with alcohol, marijuana can produce a dangerous effect.

**Narcotics** - (Smack, horse, Demerol, Percodan, etc.) Initially produce feelings of euphoria often followed by drowsiness, nausea, and vomiting. An overdose may result in convulsions, coma and death. Tolerance develops rapidly and dependence is likely. Using contaminated syringes to inject such drugs may result in AIDS.

**Tobacco/Nicotine** - Some 170,000 people in the United States die each year from smoking related coronary heart disease. Some 30 percent of the 130,000 cancer deaths each year are linked to smoking. Lung, larynx, esophagus, bladder, pancreas, and kidney cancers strike smokers at increased rates. Emphysema and chronic bronchitis are ten times more likely among smokers.

Further information concerning health risks may be found in the Director of Student Services’ office.