



DRUG PREVENTION POLICY

Student safety and positive study environment

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RELATED POLICIES	CHILD PROTECTION POLICY, BEHAVIOR POLICY, DISCIPLINE POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Al Ameer English School is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and drug-free learning environment. The school strictly prohibits the possession, use, distribution or promotion of illegal drugs, narcotics, alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices and misuse of prescription or over-the-counter medication on school premises. The School promotes awareness, prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation concerning narcotics and psychotropic substances abuse among students.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Prevent drug and substance abuse among students.
- Educate students about the dangers and legal consequences of drugs.
- Promote healthy lifestyles and positive behaviors rejecting drug abuse.
- Establish clear procedures for prevention, intervention and response.
- Ensure compliance with UAE laws and safeguarding requirements.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All staff members
- All students
- Parents & Guardians
- Visitors
- External Providers on Campus.

TYPES OF DRUGS & SUBSTANCES

- Illegal drugs: Cocaine, cannabis, heroin, amphetamines, LSD, ecstasy.
- Prescription medications: Misuse or overuse of prescribed drugs.
- Inhalants and other items: Glue, aerosols and petrol-based products.

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

The school will:

- Integrate age-appropriate drug awareness education.
- Conduct awareness sessions, workshops and assemblies.
- Encourage student participation in sports, wellbeing and leadership activities.
- Provide staff training on identifying early warning signs

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Principal

- Ensure implementation of this policy and compliance with UAE law.
- Coordinate with relevant authorities (health, police and social services) as required.
- Promote a positive school culture and safe environment.

Teachers and Staff

- Act as positive role models.
- Report concerns immediately to school leadership.
- Participate in training and awareness programs.

School Counsellor

- Conduct early assessments and interventions.
- Support students identified as “at risk.”
- Coordinate rehabilitation and reintegration plans where applicable.

Parents/Guardians

- Support the school’s prevention efforts.
- Communicate concerns promptly.
- Reinforce drug-free behavior at home.
- Engage in awareness and prevention programs.
- Model healthy behavior and monitor children’s peer groups and habits.

Students

- Abide by the school's code of conduct and laws prohibiting drug use.
- Avoid possession, use or promotion of drugs
- Seek help if they or others are at risk
- Report any observed or suspected drug-related behavior responsibly.
- Participate in school health and awareness activities .

VIGILANCE AND MONITORING

- CCTV surveillance is maintained in corridors, washroom entrances and other high-risk areas.
- Random bag checks are conducted respectfully in the presence of two adults.
- An anonymous reporting system is available for students and staff to share concerns safely.
- Periodic safety audits.
- Staff vigilance is maintained to identify signs of misuse.

DRUG-EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Regular workshops, seminars and interactive sessions are held in collaboration with healthcare professionals, law enforcement authorities and external agencies.
- Age-appropriate reading materials are distributed and awareness campaigns are conducted through posters and assemblies.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All cases will be handled with strict confidentiality, respecting the student's dignity while complying with safeguarding and legal obligations.