

COMMISSION OF FELONIES

The Board of Education may suspend a pupil upon a finding that the pupil has been charged, convicted or pled guilty in a court of general jurisdiction for the commission of a felony criminal violation of state or federal law. The Board of Education and the superintendent shall follow the procedures set forth in policies dealing with student suspension and expulsion and student disciplinary hearings. This subsection applies to conduct whether it was committed on or off school premises, and whether at a school sponsored event or not.

VAPING USE AND POSSESSION

In the last few years, we have seen a significant increase in the use of e-cigarettes and vapes in our students. Many students indicate that they think the vapes are not harmful and only contain water vapor. However, we know that many vape liquids do contain nicotine and that any form of nicotine is harmful to developing brains. We are also seeing that vape use is not limited to one age group or demographic. Students are also using a variety of different vapes and their forms can be deceptive.

In accordance with recommended disciplinary practices, the following consequences will be applied for vaping use and/or possession of vape materials that contain tobacco:

- 1st Offense = 5 days In School Suspension
- 2nd Offense = 5 days Out of School Suspension
- 3rd Offense = 10 days Out of School Suspension
- 4th Offense = 10 days Out of School Suspension with referral for Long-Term Suspension

Vapes that contain controlled substances will be consequence in accordance with applicable board policies.

We want to reach out with some resources about vape and vaping to help parents start the conversation with students about the hazards of vaping. Here are a few resources to help start the conversation about the hazards of e-cigarettes and vapes:

- Drugfree.org provides a [toolkit for parents](#) to help parents know what to say to start the conversation. Their resources for parents will help with the signs/symptoms/warning signs of a variety of substances.
- The Surgeon General website has facts and informational videos: [Know the Risks from the Surgeon General](#)
- The Surgeon General also provides tip sheet of talking points and information: https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf

ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS

Liberty 53 School District is a member of the Greater Kansas City Suburban Conference of Cooperating Schools. A varied sports program is offered at both high schools.

All athletes must adhere to the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) eligibility requirements, the Athletic Code established by the athletic director, and the training rules established by each head coach.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the National Honor Society is determined by the following factors:

- Maintain the required 3.75 GPA
- Earn 60 hours of approved community service
- Participate in group fund-raising projects
- Participate in one highway cleanup and one group service project each semester
- Attend monthly meetings
- Consistently demonstrate the same level of conduct required for admission

During the fall semester, eligible junior and senior students will receive an invitation to complete an application for admission into the National Honor Society. Due date and contact information will be included in the application. Students who earn admission into NHS will be invited to attend an induction ceremony where new members will be officially welcomed into the National Honor Society. All members are expected to fulfill all of the requirements of NHS.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In the spring of each school year, the election of the Student Council officers for the upcoming school year is held. The Student Council is the primary, elected, governing group of the student body. Any student with a cumulative 3.0 grade point average may run for Student Council office. Candidates for Student Council president must be seniors the upcoming year and must have been a member of the High School Student Council unless the office is uncontested.

Elections are held for class officers at various points in the school year. Students, from individual classes, with a cumulative 3.0 grade point average are eligible to run for these offices. Class officers serve as their class representatives to Student Council. The Student Council and the Student Council sponsors are in charge of organizing and supervising all school elections.

SCHOOL DANCE INFORMATION

Attending school dances is a privilege and not a right; therefore, students can be denied entry or removed from dances. The following rules are upheld concerning dances sponsored by Liberty 53 School District at the high school level.

- Students and guests cannot enter without presenting a valid photo ID (a student ID card will work for this requirement).
- Students currently assigned to an in-school or out-of-school suspension are not eligible to attend dances.
- Students who leave the building during the dance will not be allowed to return unless they received prior approval from an administrator.
- All non-host school high school dates (including students from other LPS schools and out-of-district individuals) must be pre-registered to gain admittance to the dance.
- Only one approved guest per Liberty Public High School student is allowed to attend the dance
- All guests must be in at least the ninth grade and have not reached their 21st birthday.
- All guests must be accompanied to the dance with a student enrolled at the respective high school.
- All guests must leave the dance and school property at the same time as the high school student with whom they registered.
- No guests (including students from other LPS schools and out of district individuals) can enter the dance without the presence of their high school date.
- High school students are only allowed to purchase a ticket for one date.
- If a student is denied entry or removed from the dance, no refunds will be given.

- Students are subject to removal from a dance for inappropriate behavior, including, but not limited to, unsuitable dancing.
- Removal from a school dance for inappropriate behavior will result in consequences in keeping with recommended disciplinary practices.