

Vprep Academy Smoke-Free and Drug-Free School Policy

1. Introduction

Vprep Academy is dedicated to fostering a safe and healthy learning environment for all students, both within our virtual classrooms and during any in-person field trips or community events. Our Smoke-Free and Drug-Free School Policy is designed to ensure that all aspects of our educational experience uphold the highest standards of health and safety.

2. Policy Statement

Vprep Academy is committed to maintaining a smoke-free and drug-free environment at all times. This policy applies to our virtual learning platforms as well as any in-person activities, including field trips and community events. The use, possession, or distribution of tobacco, nicotine products, and illegal drugs is strictly prohibited for all students, staff, and other participants.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- **Virtual Learning Environments:** All online interactions through Vprep Academy's digital platforms.
- **In-Person Field Trips:** Any organized excursions or activities away from the virtual classroom.
- **Community Events:** Any events or gatherings organized by Vprep Academy, including but not limited to workshops, seminars, and social functions.

4. Prohibited Activities

- **Tobacco and Nicotine Products:** The use, possession, or distribution of tobacco or nicotine products, including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping devices, and smokeless tobacco, is prohibited at all times.
- **Illegal Drugs:** The use, possession, distribution, or sale of illegal drugs or controlled substances, including narcotics, stimulants, hallucinogens, and unauthorized prescription medications, is prohibited.

5. Responsibilities

- **Students:** Students must comply with this policy by avoiding any prohibited activities and reporting any violations they witness. They are expected to adhere to these standards during both virtual and in-person activities.
- **Faculty and Staff:** Faculty and staff are responsible for enforcing this policy in all settings, including virtual platforms and in-person activities. They should model appropriate behavior, address any policy violations, and report concerns to the administration.

6. Reporting and Enforcement

- **Reporting Violations:** Any violations of this policy should be reported to the appropriate authority within Vprep Academy. This includes virtual platforms, field trips, and community events. Reports can be made confidentially.
- **Investigation:** All reported violations will be investigated promptly. This involves reviewing the situation, gathering information, and making decisions based on the evidence collected.
- **Consequences:** Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary actions. Consequences may include warnings, suspension, or expulsion for students, and disciplinary measures for faculty and staff, consistent with Vprep Academy's disciplinary procedures.

7. Field Trips and Community Events

- **Pre-Event Briefing:** Prior to any in-person field trip or community event, participants will be briefed on the Smoke-Free and Drug-Free School Policy. This briefing will include information about the expectations for behavior and the consequences of policy violations.
- **On-Site Enforcement:** During in-person events, Vprep Academy staff will monitor compliance with this policy. Any instances of non-compliance will be addressed immediately and in accordance with the established disciplinary procedures.

8. Support and Resources

Vprep Academy is committed to providing support to students and staff. Resources and counseling services are available for those seeking help with substance abuse or smoking cessation. Information about these resources can be obtained from the school's counseling department or administration.

9. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as needed to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Input from the Vprep Academy community will be considered during the review process.